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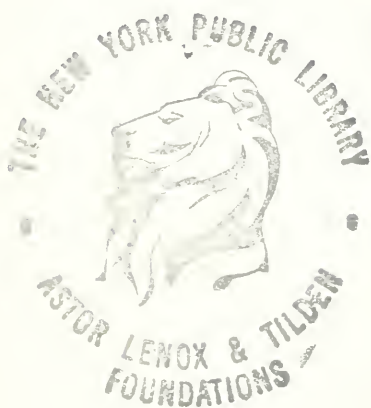


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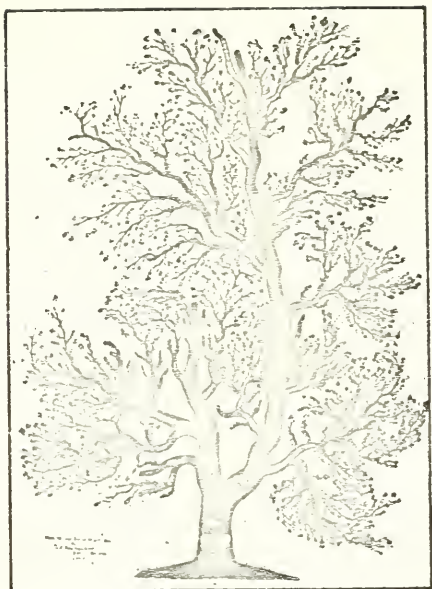
DESCENDANTS OF
DEACON DAVID SAUNDARTER





Brief
Historical Sketches
of
Seven Generations;
Descendants
of
Deacon David Baumgartner,
who was born
1735

Compiled
by
S. H. Baumgartner,
a
Great-Grandson,
Indianapolis, Ind.
1908.



Trunk of this tree represents Deacon David Baumgartner, born in 1735. The large branch to the right extending to the top represents Rev. David Baumgartner, the others on the trunk represent his half brothers and sisters. The entire tree represents seven generations, of about 1000 persons.

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S. H. BAUMGARTNER,

*Designer and Executor of above Tree
and*

Compiler of the History of the above Relation.

Preface.

The compiler of this family history was induced to undertake the tedious and laborious task of writing up brief sketches of the descendants of Deacon David Baumgartner, by the urgency of a number of the descendants, believing that such a compilation would be highly appreciated by all connected with this family, and be interesting and valuable as a means of preserving interest in each other as relatives.

The author spent much time and hard labor to accomplish this. It required the exercise of much patience and forbearance. Some of the relatives were either loath to respond to the compiler's questions, or were too busily engaged in their worldly pursuits to give this matter careful and prompt attention. Some would not answer at all, and information concerning them had to be gathered the best way one could, and is therefore necessarily meager. Some may have formed the idea that nothing of interest transpired in their life that is worthy of notice or preservation. But though our lives be ever so humble, ordinary or uneventful, one can never foresee or foretell future developments, or what might be of great interest for future generations.

The author has tried to be fair and impartial to all. More might have been said in praise of all, but this would have made the book too large and expensive for the limited number that can be sold. The object in writing this history was not to point out defects, or exalt any one, but simply give a few facts of interest to all.

The book has margin enough to note down future events of interest, as births, marriages, deaths, vocations of life, etc. In conclusion the author begs pardon for any errors that may have occurred in names or dates. We tried to be accurate and concise.

Your Relative,

S. H. BAUMGARTNER,

Indianapolis, Ind.

Introduction.

A Brief Sketch of the Mennonites in Switzerland.

The Mennonites in Switzerland, at the time of their persecutions, were a simple, earnest, and an industrious people, devoted to God and one-another. Their persecution resulted from their disbelief in infant baptism, in not taking up arms in time of war, refusing to take oaths, or hold State offices. They were inoffensive, peaceable; but firm in their religious convictions; and scrupulously adhered to their belief of right and wrong. They rather suffered violence to their bodies, than do violence to their consciences and their understanding of the Word of God. It is a well known fact, that they were almost constantly persecuted, since the Reformation period, by Catholics and the State Church. But in spite of it they maintained their identity and their individuality to the present time, although they did split into many factional organizations through internal and doctrinal differences.

In those times of severe persecutions, a large number of them were driven out of the Pfaltz in Germany, and fled for refuge to the Jura mountains in Switzerland, where they still have a number of societies, and maintain their simplicity and the characteristics of the Emmenthalers, and where they are chiefly engaged in cattle raising and keeping tavern. The "Täufergemeinden" are still found on the borders of France, in Alsace, in the Pfaltz, in Vosges, Bavaria, Baden, Wuerttemberg, Hesse, Nassau and in the valley of the lower Rhine, and count themselves with those in Holland, and in North America, where they now are the most numerous and influential.

The Mennonites, sometimes called "Täufer" and "Wiedertäufer," who lived in Canton Bern, Switzerland, were especially cruelly treated during the Reformation period by the State Church. In 1525 the civil authority employed hard measures against them, because of the Waldenses and Albigenses, who inherited fanatical ideas from mediæval sects. Thus odium was brought upon the Mennonites through their mingling with them. These persecutions were instituted as early as 1532, and continued through the sixteenth century, reaching their culmination in the beginning of the seventeenth. In 1635 the magistrates of Zurich undertook to compel the "Täufergesinnte" to unite with the Reformed Church, but failed. In Bern, Basel and Schaffhausen, positive steps were taken to stop their progress, yea, they attempted their extermination by perpetrating indescribable oppressions upon them. The cruel treatment these people received comports with the awful, gruesome atrocities perpetrated

upon Christians in the "Dark Ages." Even men like Zwingli, in his zeal for reformation, failed to see any good in the "Täufergesinnte," and believed it expedient to exterminate them. Also Luther and Melancthon said some very hard things against them.

Surely their lot was a hard one, yet they continued to multiply, as the Israelites did in Egypt, under Pharaoh's oppression. In the history of the "Berner Mennonites," by Ernst Miller, pastor of Langnau, (where deacon David Baumgartner lived in 1791), we have, on page 18 etc. a concise description of the cruelties they had to suffer. Some were tortured by violent stretchings of their limbs, some were burned to ashes, others were fried hanging to pillars, others rent into pieces by red-hot thongs, some were locked up in their own houses, and with everything in them, burned up. Some were hung on trees, some slain with swords, some were drowned in water, others had short sticks placed into their mouths so they could not speak, and were thus allowed to die gradually. Books on Bible knowledge were denied them, and if found among them they were burned; their property was confiscated, many were imprisoned and allowed to starve and rot, many had holes burned into their cheeks and were then allowed to go. Those who escaped these atrocities were pursued from place to place, where they secreted themselves, like owls and night-ravens that hide by day in rocks, clefts and wild woods. These were days of extreme tribulations; but for Christ's sake they were willing to undergo these tortures, rather than do violence to their consciences, or resist prejudiced Civil authority.

It is asserted that some sang praises while they were led forth to execution. Young women, when they were compelled to go to the place of death, arrayed themselves as though they were going to a festal celebration. Others with laughter, approached the water in which they were to be drowned, praising God. And others, before they were executed, seized the opportunity to preach to their enemies, "repentance and newness of life." At such calmness, joyousness and firmness, with which these unfortunate ones approached death, even their persecutors were astonished, but pronounced it "the work of the hellish dragon." Aside from the above cruelties, a large number of them were sold as slaves to the king of Sardinia, (an island in the Mediterranean sea) where they were forced to serve as slaves in galleys as oarsmen. These were flat built vessels with one deck, propelled with oars and sails.

To this simple, harmless, cruelly treated people for conscience sake, belonged the ancestry of the Baumgartner relation, hereinafter portrayed. This family took a more or less active, prominent and definite part in defense of the Mennonite doctrines, and the stringent rules and regulations they believed in, and faithfully practiced, and sought to enforce and securely establish them wheresoever they could.



Chapter I.

Fragmentary History of our Ancestry.

To trace the ancestry back to the first man who bore the name, Baumgartner, would indeed be a very interesting bit of history; but this is an impossibility, however desirable. We must be content with fragmentary history and tradition. The name evidently originated from the occupation in which the man who first received the name was engaged. The German meaning of the name is "nursery-man," or one who takes care of and cultivates trees. Many names thus originated. There are quite a large number of families surnamed Baumgartner, found in many parts of the United States, Canada, Switzerland and Germany, whose relationship can no longer be traced back to one ancestor. The last named place is no doubt the country in which the man lived who first bore said name, since history shows that families of said name fled from the Pfalz in Germany to the mountains of Switzerland during the Mennonite persecution.

Traditionally, the herein named relationship can trace its ancestry back about three hundred years to one called Ulrich Baumgartner. This claim the writer bases on the testimony of Dr. C. C. Baumgartner, now deceased (1907), who was probably the best informed on our ancestry; and Maria Sprunger, one of the oldest survivors of our ancestry at this time, corroborates the doctor's testimony. Both stated, that this man formerly lived in Germany, and during the intense persecution of the Mennonites there, fled to the Jura mountains in Switzerland. He is probably the one who is mentioned in Ernst Miller's Mennonite History on page 122, where a visit to Ulrich (Uli) Baumgartner, of Durruetti, in 1627, is narrated, who was for a long time a teacher, "Täuferlehrer," and two years later, in 1629, was taken prisoner (page 123) on Friday, July 25, and the next morning led to Trachselwald, and from there to Bern on Aug. 3, 1629. The doctor stated to the writer of this history, not long before his death, that our ancestor was taken prisoner, but later got out again. Since the narrative in Miller's history of this man agrees quite well with the statement of the doctor and Mrs. Sprunger, we are quite safe to conclude that the aforesaid Ulrich Baumgartner is the ancestor of the herein named families.

Chapter II.

Sketch of Deacon David Baumgartner (First Generation).

We begin our authentic family history with David Baumgartner, who was a deacon and a school teacher in the Mennonite Church in Switzerland. Farther back the writer could get no positive records of men as to their dates of birth. Through the kindness of J. H. Tschantz, of Wayne Co., Ohio, we obtained the year of his birth and death, taken from some old records yet existing. He was born in 1735, and died in 1819, at the age of 84 years. That he was considered a trustworthy and able officer and good counselor in his church is evident from the fact that he was chosen a deacon, which is an official position of great importance and deep spiritual obligations. And the fact that he was a teacher for many years showed competency in teaching. According to a statement of Maria Sprunger, he was one of the men who was sent by the Church to the Mennonites in Pfalz, Germany, during their severe oppression and persecution in 1762, to give them counsel, encouragement and assistance.

He was married twice. By the kindness of Rev. S. Maurer, of the Evangelical Association in Bern, Switzerland, we received several official documents concerning our ancestors, from one called "Der Burgerrodel Fuehrer," secretary of records of citizenship. By request, Rev. Maurer went to Buderichgraben and Langnau to search records. In Langnau he secured the help of the above named official, who gives the following extract of David Baumgartner's marriage found in the Baptismal Record of the Society, "Gemeinde," of Langnau, Vol. 10, page 180, that he was the husband of Katharina Imhof, and shows that they were the parents of Rev. David Baumgartner. (See "Burgerrodel," Citizen Record, H. 5, page 144). This record also gives the three marriages of Rev. David Baumgartner and the dates of the births of his children by his first wife, which record you will find embodied in the sketch of his life.

The following extract shows the action taken by the Court of Justice, "Kanzelei," of Bern, recorded in the "Raths" (Counsel) "Manual," in the city of Bern, respecting a petition from Deacon David Baumgartner of Langnau, to the honorable governor, "Landvogt," of Trachselwald, to secure citizenship rights in Langnau. The extract granting him and others citizenship rights is dated Apr. 6, 1791, and is undersigned, "Kanzelei Bern."

"From a petition handed in by one David Baumgartner, (a "Täufer") an Anna-Baptist of Langnau, and a settler in the bishop-

ric of Basel, we have seen that he, and others of like religious faith, who also settled in the same place, concernedly or anxiously desire that their children, and their future posterity, might be recorded in the Home Record of Langnau as citizens; and that to them might be issued the required citizenship certificates. After we have had this petition examined, and also the demanded counter information of the society (Gemeinde) of Langnau, we granted the request of the supplicator, and herewith will, or grant that his children, and those of others of like faith, who are born under the sovereignty of the Basel bishopric at Langnau, shall have certificates of citizenship issued to them, and that they be recorded in the records of Langnau, as citizens of that place, with this proviso:—that they, like all who are not members of the Society (Gemeinde) of Langnau, but live within the borders thereof, and upon the same conditions like they, will contribute their assessed share of taxes and for improvements; and that only then they will have the right of their homes maintained, when they duly submit to the laws of the country in which they live."

Deacon David Baumgartner had one child by his first wife Catharina Imhof, a son called David (see third chapter). And by his second wife, (whose maiden name is not known, but according to recollection of some, she was an Oberli) he had three sons and five daughters as follows:—Christian, Barbara, Katharina, Peter, Ulrich, Elizabeth and Anna. Whether these names are chronologically arranged as to age is not certain, except the first three. The dates of their births have thus far not been found. But they were all born in Buederichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, before their father moved to Langnau, in the same Canton, in the early part of 1791. From these children issued a large relationship. At this time (1907) the seventh generation is already well represented, the total relationship numbers nearly one thousand.

Chapter III.

Rev. David Baumgartner (Second Generation).

The subject of this sketch was the only child of Deacon David Baumgartner by his first wife Katharina Imhof. According to the Civil Record of Langnau, Canton Bern, Switzerland, H. 5, page 144, he was born Jan. 25, 1765, in Buederichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. And according to a letter headed, "Adams Co., Ind., Jan. 25, 1853," which he addressed to his son David in Wayne Co., Ohio, he begins by saying, "To-day I begin my 89th year;" it will be seen that 88 years back brings the time to the cited date of his birth. Hence, the date of his birth on his tombstone, Jan. 15, 1763, and as recorded on the family tree, is evidently incorrect. The above documents came into my hands too late to make the correction on the tree. His mother died when he was yet a small child. His father again married and with his second wife he had eight children as before mentioned.

At the above named place he grew to manhood. After his father moved to Langnau in 1791, he presumably inherited, or bought the old homestead, where he lived for a long time, and where all his children were born. The old house he lived in burned down after he sold the homestead. From here he moved to Langnau, in the Emmenthal, of Basel, time not given. And from Langnau he moved to La Chaux de Fonds, and from there he, wife and children by his third wife emigrated in 1837, to America, Wayne Co., Ohio, where his oldest son David already lived. Land already being quite expensive in Ohio, he concluded to move to Indiana, where land was yet much cheaper. In Aug., 1839 he therefore moved with his younger children to Wells Co., Ind., as he states in a letter to his friends in the Fatherland. (See letter). And later he moved in with his youngest son Samuel, (the writer's father), who lived in French township, Adams Co., Ind., two miles southeast of Vera Cruz, Ind. Here he also died of old age, Nov. 4, 1853. He lies buried in the cemetery near Vera Cruz, Ind. He was a minister of the Gospel in the Mennonite Church for about 65 years, having been made a preacher, according to the Mennonite custom, at the age of 23 years. (See letter to his son David).

He was the first minister and missionary of the Mennonite Church in Adams and Wells counties in Ind. He also preached in Ohio while he lived there. He possessed a very amiable and unassuming disposition. He was always courteous to ministers of other denominations. His convictions were clear, and his Christian characteristics strong. He had a hatred for all shams or pretensions in

Church or State. He loved peace, disliked pride and loose morals, idleness, dishonesty and a cold and formal religion. He was tender-hearted and kind in his family, respectful to his superiors and inferiors, and was a lover of religious conversations. His views on morals, religion and education are clearly and fully expressed in his own letters to his friends in the Fatherland and his son David as you will observe in his letters further on in this sketch.

He was married three times, as follows:—First to Elizabeth Moser, of Rinderswyl, March 29, 1794. She died May 25, 1801. The following children were the issue of this union:—

Katharina, born Apr. 26, 1796; and died Sept. 30, 1834.

David " Feb. 7, 1798; " " Feb. 4, 1863.

Abraham " Jan. 13, 1800; " " Oct. 19, 1848.

His second wife was Anna Bixler, of Eggiwyl, whom he married May 28, 1802. She died March 29, 1805. To them was born Anna, March 29, 1805; and died Apr. 7, 1879.

He was married the third time to Barbara Steiner, of Signau, by Rev. Peter Oberli, of the Mennonite Church, in Tramelan, or Dachs-felden. Her mother was a Glauser by birth. She was born March 27, 1780, upon the "Huebeli", Oberamt Courtelary Canton, Bern, Switzerland. The writer remembers her as being short and corpulently built. After her husband's death she lived among her children. In her old age she fell down stairs, hurting herself in such a way that she never fully recovered. This occurred in her log cabin at Mrs. Peter Bixler's, her youngest daughter. She died of old age at her son Peter's at the age of 91 years. To this union were born:—

Christian, Jan. 31, 1809; and died Aug. 24, 1878.

John, Dec. 3, 1810; " " June 5, 1888.

Barbara, Dec. 19, 1812; " " Oct.— 1847.

Peter, Jan. 6, 1814; " " Nov. 9, 1882.

Elizabeth, Jul. 26, 1816; " " Feb. 7. 1896.

Samuel, Apr. 17, 1818; " " Mar. 22, 1881.

Maria, Sept. 4, 1820; " " Jun. 25, 1897.

A Personal Letter by Rev. David Baumgartner, Written to his Friends in the Fatherland, When he was 84 Years Old.

The original copy of the following letter is now in the possession of Mrs. Mary Beck, eldest daughter of Samuel Baumgartner. Rev. D. B. lived with Samuel at the time the letter was written. Af-

ter his death the letter became property of his son Samuel, then of Mrs. Beck, and was translated by the writer of this history. The letter reads as follows:—

"I wish you all, with my whole heart, the grace and peace from God, and knowledge, light and life in Christ, and the sanctification of the Spirit, through Jesus Christ, Amen!"

"I have already waited a long time for a letter from you, but so far have not received one. I would have written before this, but since I have received no reply to my last letter, as I hopefully expected, I do not know whether I have offended you in anywise, which I did not mean to do. I wrote with upright sincerity. But since an opportunity presents itself to me, I concluded to write again. There is a dear friend here, named Mathias Miller, from Canton Basel, who says, that it is his intention to visit his Fatherland once more, and said, if we have a letter to send along with him, he would deliver it to Schampo, where he is well acquainted, having often been there; and if the Lord gives success to him in his journey, we hope to learn of your state and condition, if you have not forgotten us. We often think of you, especially in these times of disquietude in Europe. In my dreams I see this one and then another. That many of us think of you is undoubtedly caused by a letter Samuel's wife received, in which it is stated, that you cannot pay for military service, and are necessitated to move out of the land. This causes me to wish that if only all who are in very limited circumstances would be here, where there are yet so many thousand acres of unsettled land, and where one can live according to the dictates of one's own conscience; although the words, 'in sorrow and toil shalt thou earn thy living,' apply here as well as with you. But those who can and will work, have food and raiment, and what more do we want for the short pilgrimage, for we have here no abiding city.

"I do not remember whether I have already written you of our beginning in America. When we arrived in Wayne Co., Ohio, we were \$90.00 in debt; but thanks be to God, we were well and could work. Christian and Peter worked at the carpenter trade building houses and barns. Samuel was with Abraham Zuercher and received good wages. (Wages were at this time two and three shillings per day. S. H. B.). I worked in the book-bindery, and mother helped to make garments, so that in a little more than two years we were out of debt, but had no land. In Sonnenberg the land was quite high. We heard that in Indiana (where we now live), there was yet much land, that one could buy from the government for \$200 per 160 acres.

"Christian, with some others, came to Indiana, and after him Peter; but the land had to be paid cash. Good friends loaned us enough money to buy two quarter sections. We followed Christian

and Peter to Indiana, in August, 1839. Twice we had to remain in the woods all night. Christian and his wife came by way of water, (likely over lake Erie to Toledo, and then per canal to Ft. Wayne, Ind., and then overland to Wells county.—Writer), and were a number of days ahead of us. (Christian evidently returned to Ohio to bring his family to Indiana.—Writer). Jeampier Merilant, who is married to Magdalena Kirchhofer, went with us, and each family had one wagon with two oxen and two cows. (This must have been a tedious trip per wagon, oxen and cows, for a man 76 years old.—Writer). When we came to our land we found Christian sick with a fever, in a small loghouse, in which there was no room for us. We had to live nine days in a "Laubhuetten", a hut made of leafy branches. The first thing we did, was to dig a well for water, for except the river, there are no running fountains. We found water, then we made a loghouse and lived together, until we had also made one for Merilant's to move in. We were glad when we had houses to live in, and water to drink, but we had little to live on. The potatoes were \$1.00 per bushel. We only bought for planting, for the summer was very dry, and there were only a few planted. Flour per barrel is at present (1849) \$4 50; we had to pay \$10.80, and go far to get it. Around us is still all timber. Thus you can imagine the amount of work there is to do to get the land cleared. On the right side of the river (Wabash) where our land is located, (a mile northwest of Vera Cruz, Ind.) was no road cut out. And when one had to seek the cows or cattle, one was in danger of becoming lost in the forest. It was necessary to make use of the compass.

"We were also afflicted with sickness. The three brothers had the chill fever, also mother, who since then is often troubled with rheumatism; only Maria and I escaped. Barbara was sick for 22 months with consumption, and died in October, 1847. Thus her suffering is over, and we thank God who helped us through. When we did not know what to do, He assisted us, so that we could bear it. The God of mercy be praised for all His mercy and grace, Amen!

"Now Concerning Our Present Condition in 1849.

"Christian has six sons and one daughter. He has a quarter section of land with 80 acres cleared. He has 16 head of horses and cattle; and he also has hogs and sheep. He sowed 13 acres of wheat.

"John has five sons and six daughters, and 140 acres of land, sixty of it is cleared. He also sowed 13 acres of wheat. He also has horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

"Peter also has a section of land, and two horses, and cows; and one daughter and two sons.

"Samuel has 100 acres of land, with some cleared.

"Maria got married to Peter Bixler, son of Jacob. They have 80 acres of land, which his father gave him. They have one horse, two cows, a yearling calf, and some hogs which Samuel gave her for keeping house for him. Mother and I now live with Samuel, who gives us our necessities of life, and we have plenty to eat.

"I am, thank God, quite well, excepting feebleness caused by old age, (now 84 years old). I can do no hard work. I work in the book bindery. This is the third time I work at it, and will likely be the last time. Mother is still working on the land, and spins in the winter. Thus when you compare our present condition with the former, you will notice quite a change. Of course the sons still have debts on their land, and even though the interests are high 6% and more, what is this in comparison with the high interest of 3—4 Qu'doc, when one must yet buy bread. We now also have a flour-mill and saw-mill two miles away.

"At the present there are 16 families that belong to our church. Every three weeks we hold divine worship. Christian and I alternate in giving exhortations. There are also an equal number of Amish people near here, also some Reformed church people and some Lutherans. There are also some German and French people here. I could yet write much that comes to my mind, but must close. What I have written in my last letter I do not remember; but one thing of which we often speak is a desire to have a school-teacher, even if he is not so well educated, if he is only God-fearing; and could teach the children to read and write well, and do some figuring, and acquaint them with God's Word and the love of Christ. In our families are 20 children, and there are others who desire that their children might receive instructions according to Swiss customs, for there is as yet no German school here. We hope the Lord will fulfil our desires. A school-house is to be built between Samuel's and John's farm. (The schoolhouse was built on the N. E. corner of my father's farm, and was known as the election schoolhouse of French township in Adams Co., Ind, later the place was changed a mile northwest. In both of these places the writer attended school.—S. H. B.)

"A few words concerning the inner spiritual condition. I often wonder what the state of things are in your society, who your ministers are, and who of the old ones of 1836 are yet alive; and if they still teach and practice regeneration and change of mind, or if, as among us, some think that if they are brought up in our churches, and receive adult baptism, they have regeneration, when the Lord teaches that the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth, and if the heart of man is thus, what does it benefit him even when

the best ordinances, according to the Gospel, are kept, while the inner man remains unchanged, as is evident from the words of Jesus Mk. 7: 20. The Gospel promises no forgiveness of sin except through repentance and betterment of life through faith in Christ. Truly all who call themselves Christians say, they believe on Jesus, but where are the fruits of the Spirit? When carnal-mindedness reigns according to Rom. 8: 5-7, we have no peace with God. I know thereby those who are strict on external customs, and who have many rules, and in pharisaical pride condemn others; but when they have only the outward form of godliness, they do not care when they do speak shameful words, and sing worldly and street "gassen" songs, and scold with contentious and disgraceful words, and misuse the Day of Grace. If one brings to their minds the Word of God, the thought comes to me that I read in a book of dreams where it says, "Because we have not the power of the Spirit, we are contented with the dead letter." Some think we ought to teach nothing but the letter, but if I make no explanation, or discernments of the word, what benefit is it to the hearer? He can read it in his own home. When we consider how Paul wrote to Timothy that we shall continue with exhortation etc. we should not neglect or overlook this main important work. for the Holy Scriptures can thus lead to salvation through faith on Jesus Christ.

"Then in His Word God reveals His Will, and gives counsel as to our duties. It is to be lamented that, at the present time, there is so little love for the sacred Scriptures, especially in this spiritually lifeless age. Oh, that the people might have a desire and joy in the law of the Lord. But one looks more upon the visible than the invisible. That as some think, that we should neither take away, nor add to the word, I also teach as Jesus taught. Matt. 5:19 and 15:6. But when one expresses his discernment and understanding upon the Scripture that is read, which is comfortable with the Gospel, we neither add to or take from it: and thus by preaching the Word can often better penetrate into the hearts of the hearers, than would much reading without reflection. But, dearly beloved, do not think of me, or of my writing, as though I want to teach some one, or have some one in special view. No, I have only written that you may know how things go; that you do not think that we are better in America, for we have brought with us flesh and blood, and a sinful nature, which is inclined towards evil. But those who love Jesus, and desire to serve Him, have liberty here. The Tract Union Society distributes many good books and periodicals and many thousands of Bibles. We are living in a hazardous time, in which the judgments of God pass over the world. Oh, let righteousness teach us, and let the exhortation of Christ: 'Watch and pray, for ye know not

when the Lord cometh', be obeyed. His prophesies are going into fulfilment. Herewith are you committed to the grace of God, and the enlightenment of the Holy Ghost. The all-merciful God strengthen you all, that ye become strong in faith; that Christ may dwell in you and us until we are together before the Throne of God, to bless and praise the Lord from Eternity to Eternity, Amen!"

To Whom This Letter was Written.

This letter was probably the last one he wrote to his friends in Switzerland through the courtesy of the publisher of the American Botschafter in 1849. It is really a remarkable letter for a man 84 years old. His statements are concise, clear and unpretentious. His views on religious experience are good, scriptural and to the point. He firmly believed in preaching the whole counsel of God, and that salvation is obtained through repentance toward God and faith in Christ. That the mere letter of the word is of no profit, but a renewed life is essential, and the continuation of a holy life to the end. He held the Bible in high esteem and wished that all might read it more, for better information as to its real teachings, and for betterment of life. He believed in a personal, conscious salvation, that should manifest itself in the fruits of the spirit. The good of his people was the constant end he earnestly sought. He was a strong advocate of the Mennonite doctrines, and had the confidence of his Church. The Mennonites at this time had no paid ministry, hence he was necessitated to engage in secular work to make a livelihood for himself and his family. He was a book-binder by trade. He was described to the writer as a tall man somewhat slender and heavy boned. Samuel, his youngest son, resembled him more than any one of the other children.

Here is another letter from Rev. David Baumgartner to his son David in Wayne Co., Ohio, dated Jan. 25, 1853, written on his 88th birthday.

"To my son David. To-day I begin my 89th year. To you and yours, and my acquaintances, I wish the immeasurable love of God, and the grace of Jesus Christ, and the enlightenment of the Holy Ghost, as my affectionate and hearty greetings, Amen!

"I have often thought to write to you, but soon I knew . . . Since I cannot work much, I have more time to reflect over the past. I can remember back a period of 80 years, and of parents and pious old people of 40 years ago from whom I had verbal reports. I learn of the state and condition of our Church, (Gemeinde), the great contrast between then and now. When I behold this difference, the thought comes to me, what will finally come to pass? If in an-

other hundred years changes are wrought as in the past hundred, there will remain little but outward ceremonies, and little of the life that is of God.

"I will hasten to what I wanted to write to you, namely when our forefathers came into the bishopric, and when the persecution in Bern continued, many emigrated to places where they found liberty, where many are yet located, but live quietly and in solitude, contented to have food and raiments. But the enemy also showed himself there, and slandered them as though they were an injury to the country. They succeeded to influence the prince, "Fuerst," to put forth a mandate to the effect that the "Täufer" must leave the country. The time was set when they were to leave. My stepmother related to me, when she was yet on Muensterberg as a servant girl, in a certain home, that the people she worked for, told her, how the persecuted people were in anxiety and sorrow. That they worked no longer, but were weeping and praying and did not know what to do. Then an eminent official took an interest in them and went himself to the prince, "Fuerst," and appealed to him in their behalf; saying, that these people were no injury to the country, but much more a benefit, whereas there was yet much land that could not be worked with plows because of its broken mountainous character, but had to be hoed around; and that these people planted and sowed seeds, and that the government, by law, received the tenth of the produce. "Further" he said, "they work our estates well and pay us the rents right, and thus we can also meet our obligations better." Thereupon the sovereign repealed the mandate, however only by freewill and with the reservation, that they buy no land, and that they are not tenants in the villages, but that they remain up in the mountains.

"The old man to whom I hired out as a seryant, often said to me, that our (Gemeinde) church society was only tolerated by mere arbitration, or without any fixed code or rule. But we were glad and thanked God for this much, and exhorted one another to quietude and proper behavior. And whereas we had much appreciated liberty, the Church agreed to manifest our appreciation by a personal acknowledgment to the land prince, or agent, for such favors; and it was further resolved, that in case a new one is appointed, that to him be given a fine linen cloth as an acknowledgment of gratitude to him. My father (deacon David B.) helped once to carry one to the land agent, which he gratefully accepted. Thus much of the outward things, but now also something of the religious, or inner life."

"I well remember how it was in my boyhood days. When young people wished to unite with the Church, they mentioned it, a good while before, to the officials of the Church, then they were exhorted to pray, and the deacons asked the Church to pray for them. When

I arrived at my proper age I also pursued this way, but the proper understanding lacked with me, although I followed the outward custom and, like others, believed that this is right. At that time it was the custom to pray three times per day, and these were special days appointed in the spring and autumn. The Sabbath was observed, although there were some at this time who postponed this praying until Sunday, and forgot Isa. 58: 13, and Ezek. 20: 11—12, and through the liberty we had, there was an increased tendency to indifference and frivolity among the young people, and I was no better. But, after Sunday was passed, my conscience often accused me, that I spent Sunday badly. I had not much time, for in my 24th year I was called to the ministry, and had no time for vain things. I saw then keenly as never before what it means to enter into trust with Christ through baptism, in as much as one promises not to live for himself, or for the world, but for Him who delivered us from the power of Satan, and we are therefore to walk in a new life; for without repentance and betterment of heart is no forgiveness promised. And because we insist on a change of heart, some are hit by the Truth, and cannot tolerate it, and accuse us of wanting to teach and observe a new faith. But this is far from being so, for we hold to the baptism and faith of the apostles, as the right Evangelical teaching, just as they and their students taught; and as our forefathers witnessed with giving up their possessions and their blood. But because we see that many outwardly accept the faith and designated baptism, and promise to live for Jesus, and better their lives, of which little enough is seen; and inasmuch that the apostle exhorts, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, prove yourselves." II Cor. 13: 5; and when I consider the words in a song book, "prove yourselves," etc., I realize the many shortcomings of us all. But the apostle says, "follow after peace and holiness," etc. May God give to me and all who desire it, his grace through Jesus Christ.

"I will close. Think not my son that I cast insinuations on you, or anyone else, I have stated above why I thus write; for we desire nothing else but that the Church might be built up, and that the kingdom of darkness might be destroyed. But the enemy can not tolerate this, and therefore he casts forth slanderous words. The Lord forgive him, and let us forgive and pray for him.

"There would be much to write yet, and to consider, in which the falling off in the Church consists. Probably at some other time more, if I live. Of our condition you have heard from Ramseier. In conclusion we greet you all, and wish you prosperity in body and spirit. I also greet my brethren in the ministry and all who inquire after us. Pray for us, as also I do in my weakness for my children and grandchildren, with the desire that they all may become the children of God. The Lord be with you all, Amen!"

"From your wellwisher,

DAVID BAUMGARTNER."

Chapter III.

Sec. I.

Katharina Baumgartner, Ramseier, (Third Generation).

Katharina was the first child of Rev. David Baumgartner by his first wife. She was born Apr. 26, 1796, (see Burgerrodel H. 5, page 144.) in Buderichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was married to John Ramseier, of Eggiwyl, date not known. He was the son of Rey. Ramseier mentioned in the history of the Swiss Mennonites. They were Mennonites. She died in Champoz, Switzerland, of typhoid fever, Sept. 30, 1834. They had three children, namely:—

(A) Elizabeth Ramseier, Lehman, (Fourth Generation).

Elizabeth was born at Champoz on Mont Girod Oberamt Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, July 20, 1824. She was married to Jacob Lehman, Feb. 11, 1853. They never had any children. They moved to Adams Co., Ind., from Switzerland, and lived on a farm in French township, three miles N. W. of Linn Grove, Ind. Later they sold this farm and bought one about two miles N. E. of Berne, Ind., where she also died Apr. 20, 1892. She was a corpulently built woman, plain in her habits of life, amiable in disposition, and neighborly with her neighbors. He, after her death, lived with his brother near Berne, where he also died. They were both loyal members of the Mennonites.

(B) Maria Anna Ramseier, Sprunger, (Fourth Generation.)

Maria A. began her earthly life Feb. 11, 1828 at Champoz, on Mont Girod, O. Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She was united in marriage with Abraham Sprunger, of Berne, Ind., Mar. 30, 1870. She came to America in 1869. They lived in Berne from the time of their marriage. He died a highly respected member of the Mennonite church in above named place. She is still living in Berne with her daughter Dina, but is in feeble health, awaiting her summons to the heavenly home. She is a short, stout built person, with a peaceful disposition, and strong religious characteristics, trustful in God and



man, and faithful to her church. The following children are the issue of this union:—

1. Dina R. Sprunger, Habegger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Dina R. was introduced to the trials of this world Oct. 2, 1871. She was baptized and admitted to the Mennonite church at Berne, Ind., by Rev. S. F. Sprunger Jan. 1, 1888. The voyage of wedded life, with Louis Habegger, began Dec. 11, 1900. He was born Dec. 2, 1876 in Adams Co., Ind. Their marriage ceremony was performed by the above named Rev. They reside in Berne, Ind., where he is engaged as drayman. They are both esteemed members of the Mennonite church. She has a common school education. Their home was made happy with four children, born in Berne, Ind., viz:—

- a. Oliva, born Sept. 21, 1901, Sixth Generation.
- b. Wilferd, " June 30, 1903 " " "
- c. Tillman, " Jan. 14, 1906 " " "
- d. Arvada, " Nov. 14, 1907 " " "

2. Alisa Sprunger, (Fifth Generation).

Alisa was born in Berne, Ind., Oct. 29, 1873, and died Dec. 30, 1879.

(C). Abraham Ramseier, (Fourth Generation).

Abraham was also born at Petit Champoz. Mont Girod, O. Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 8, 1831. He was a tall, heavy boned built man, with a cheerful, talkative disposition. In the old country he made his home for some time with John Baumgartner, father to Dr. C. C. B., as the Dr. states in his own autobiography of his early life. He came to America when a young man. He first lived in Ohio, later he went to Ind., and did manual labor here and there. Here he again met Mary A. Moser, a half-second cousin to himself, to whom he was also married. She was born at the same place he was, May 28, 1836. They lived for quite a while in Vera Cruz, Ind., where he became a partner in a drugstore. In connection with the drugstore he also was appointed as postmaster, which office he held for some time. Later he sold his interest in the store, and moved with his family to Lima, Ohio, where he died, July 22, 1903. This union was blessed with the following children, all born in Vera Cruz, Wells Co., Ind.

1. Leopold Ramseier, (Fifth Generation).

Leopold was born July 9, 1858. He obtained a village school education. He was never married. He died of tuberculosis in Lima, Ohio, Aug. 23, 1888.

2. Hermania Ramseier, (Fifth Generation).

Hermania was born Oct. 16, 1863, and died Nov. 23, 1863.

3. Hedwig Ramseier, (Fifth Generation).

Hedwig was born Nov. 22, 1866. She obtained a village school education. She was never married, and also died in Lima, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1896.

4. Otto F. Ramseier, (Fifth Generation), Lima, Ohio.

Otto F. began his earthly career July 24, 1870. He enjoyed the privilege of a good education. He entered matrimonial life with Laura L. Reynolds, Jan. 11, 1898. She was born in Lima, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1871. They live in above named place, where he is in partnership in the "City Book Store" with W. H. Woolery, and are doing well. They have one child,

(a) Richard L. born June 6, 1903, Sixth Generation.

Chapter III.

Sec. II.

David Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

The subject of this brief sketch was the second child of Rev. David Baumgartner, by his first wife. He was born in Buderichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 7, 1798, and died in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 4, 1863, of consumption. He received the rite of water baptism on Easter Sunday 1816, at the hands of his father. He was married to Barbara Welty, Apr. 3, 1824. She was born Apr. 1, 1795, and was baptized Mar. 16, 1813, by her father-in-law. She died of old age, June 28, 1880. In 1824, they emigrated to America, settling in Wayne Co., Ohio, where he followed farming until his death. He was a highly honored member of the old Mennonite Church, from the time of his baptism, loyally adhering and advocating her doctrines and polity. This union was blessed with the following children, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio, viz:—

(A.) Anna D. Baumgartner, Tschantz, (Fourth Generation).

Anna D. entered life's pathway, Sep. 16, 1825. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 25, 1842, by Rev. Peter Schneek. She entered wedded life with Abraham C. Tschantz, Sep. 11, 1845. The wedding act was solemnized by the same Rev. Her husband was born June 4, 1818, and died of dropsy, Jan. 7, 1897. She died of erysipelas, June 4, 1901. She was a Dorcas, for her greatest pleasure was to do good to anyone in need. Their vocation was farming. They remained faithful and respected members of their church until death. The issue of this union consists of the following children, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio, viz:—

1. Christian C. Tschantz (Fifth Generation), Orrville, Wayne Co., O.

Christian C. entered this life Jun. 20, 1846. He was baptized Apr. 14, 1865, by Ulrich Sommer, and also received into fellowship of the Mennonite Church. In Oct. 27, 1870, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Fiechter, by Rev. John Moser. She was born Aug. 28, 1848, in Switzerland. She received baptism, and was taken into church, Apr. 10, 1868 by Rev. C. Sommer. They later united with the Mennonites of the General Conference, of which they are esteemed members at present. Farming is their vocation of

life. The following children is the issue of this union, all born in Wayne Co., O., viz:—

- a. Albert F. Tschantz, (Sixth Generation), Orrville, Wayne Co., O.

Albert F. first saw the light of this world Mar. 18, 1872; and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, of Berne, Ind., Nov. 29, 1888. Aside from a fair common school education, he availed himself of a business course at Wadsworth, Ohio. He is yet single and follows farming.

- b. Elma E. Tschantz, Moser, (Sixth Generation), Massillon, Ohio.

Elma E. entered the trials of life Jan. 5, 1874. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Nov. 29, 1888. Besides common school, she attended high school, and taught two terms of winter school, and two of summer. She was united in marriage with Daniel A. Moser, May 24, 1896, by Rev. Joel Lehman. He was born Mar. 21, 1872, and baptized and received into the above named Church Apr. 12, 1895, by Rev. J. L. He had the privilege of attending the "Mount Union College," and taught four winter terms of school. For a number of years he clerked in a clothing store, but for the last two years he owns a clothing store in Massillon, Ohio, and does a good business. To them is born in Wayne Co., Ohio, a daughter:—

1. Ruth M., Dec. 3, 1899, (Seventh Generation).

- c. Clara A. Tschantz, (Sixth Generation).

Clara A. was born Apr. 24, 1878, and died of croup, Nov. 24, 1881.

- d. Lillian L. Tschantz, Hofstetter, (Sixth Generation), Orrville, Ohio.

Lillian L. came to this world Sept. 24, 1881; and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., Sept. 16, 1897, by Rev. J. Lehman. She was united in marriage with Wilson Hofstetter, Nov. 25, 1902, Rev. A. Sommer officiating. He was born Nov. 13, 1881, and baptized and received into the same Church, and by the same pastor as she, Mar. 13, 1899. Farming is their vocation.

2. Daniel H. Tschantz, (Fifth Generation), Orrville, Ohio.

Daniel H. entered this life Oct. 1, 1847. He was baptized and received into the old Mennonite Church by Rev. C. Sommer, Apr. 10, 1868. He took to wife Katharina J. Gerber, Oct. 22, 1874. She was

born Aug. 24, 1848, and was baptized and received into his Church at the same time he was. Both are loyal and active members of their church. Aside from a common school education, he also had the opportunity of attending the "Bildungs Anstalt" at Wadsworth, Ohio, for one year. He is a successful farmer. They have no children. They are loyal members of their Church.

3. Barbara L. Tschantz, Amstutz, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, Ohio.

Barbara L. was born Jan. 7, 1851. She received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 23, 1869. She became the wife of John L. Amstutz, Oct. 24, 1872, with Rev. C. Sommer solemnizing the wedding act. He was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 2, 1848; and was baptized on Easter Sunday 1863, by Rev. Jacob Schneck. He has held the office of an "Elder" in the Church for fourteen years. He has also been elected chorister of the Church every year since the Church of the Gen. Conf. was organized in Wayne Co. Ohio, in 1886. In connection with farming, he is also secretary of "The Sonnenberg Fire and Lightning Insurance Association," having held the office for over twenty years. This shows that he is held in high esteem by all, and that his work is highly appreciated. They are faithful members of the Gen. Conf. Church. The following are their children, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio:—

a. Henry Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Orrville, Ohio.

Henry began his earthly career Sept. 7, 1873. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf. Nov. 29, 1888, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. He married Ada Brennehan May 9, 1897, with Rev. D. M. Irvin officiating. She was born Sept. 23, 1873. His occupation is farming. Their home is made happy with the following children born in Wayne Co., Ohio:—

1. Lizzie M., born June 2, 1898, (Seventh Generation).
2. Irvin D., born Oct. 20, 1903, (Seventh Generation).

b. Franklin B. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Franklin B. began his earthly journey July 6, 1876. He was baptized and admitted to the privileges of the Mennonite Church of the Gen Conf. Oct. 14, 1892, by Rev. J. Lehman. He was joined in wedlock to Naome Sprunger, Oct. 28, 1902, by the same Rev. She was born near Berne, Ind., Oct. 8, 1880, and baptized and admitted into the same Church by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. He is a stockholder of the "Berne Lumber Co.," at Berne, Ind., where he holds a favorable position as Foreman in the Planing Mill. He has a common school education. To them is born in Berne, Ind.

1. Dessie I., Nov. 5, 1903, (Seventh Generation).

c. Levi E. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Levi E. was born Apr. 28, 1878. He was baptized and admitted into church-fellowship of the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., Oct. 6, 1893, by Rev. J. Lehman. He received a common school education. Farming is his occupation. He was married to Ida E. Sprunger, at Berne, Ind., on Dec. 5, 1907, where the latter was born July 5, 1881, and baptized and united with the Mennonite church there, in which she has been an active member and Sunday-school teacher.

d. John E. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Bluffton, Ohio.

John E. began life Apr. 1, 1881. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., Apr. 12, 1895, by Rev. J. Lehman. He attended the Dalton High school, and two years the "Central Mennonite College," of Bluffton, O. He taught three summer and three winter terms of school. Then he engaged in farm work in Wayne Co., O. Later he re-entered the above named College, and in June 1906, graduated from the same. He is continuing his studies, preparing for religious work. He was married to Layina Amstutz, of Bluffton, Ohio, on Jan. 26, 1905, by Rev. J. W. Kliever, of Berne, Ind. She was born Apr. 9, 1882, and was baptized by Rev. John Moser, and united with the Mennonite Church, at Bluffton, O., on "Good Friday," 1900. Last year he had charge of the Trenton, O., Mennonite Church, filling the place of Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, who had a leave of absence for one year granted him. To them is born:—

1. Bernice Easter, Apr 15, 1906, (Seventh Generation).

e. Susan R. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Susan R. began this life June 17, 1885. She received a common school education. The rite of baptism was administered on her by Rev. J. Lehman, Apr. 13, 1900, who also received her at this time into church fellowship, of the Gen. Conf., Mennonite Church. She has annually been elected church organist for a number of years.

f. Martha D. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Martha D. was born Apr. 29, 1887, and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., Sept. 28, 1902, by Rev. A. A. Soumer. She also received a common school education.

g. Huldah R. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Huldah R. came into this world July 17, 1893. She is now pursuing a common school education.

h. Paul Otto Amstutz, (Sixth Generation).

Paul O. was born July 8, 1897, and died the sameday.

4. Elizabeth Tchantz, Amstutz, (Fifth Generation), Dalton, O.

Elizabeth entered the arena of life Nov. 20, 1852. Apr. 14, 1872, she received baptism and was also admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. C. Sommer. Later she united with the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf. She became the wife of Abraham Amstutz, Oct. 22, 1874, the above named clergy uniting them in marriage. He was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 9, 1849. He was baptized and admitted into church fellowship by Rev. David Nusbaum. He is a farmer. Both are faithful members of the above named Church. The following children were born to them near Dalton, Wayne Co., O.,

a. Ida Amstutz, Badertscher, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, O.

Ida began the trials of life June 20, 1875. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 1889, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. She entered the matrimonial life with Fred Badertscher, May 10, 1896, Rev. J. Lehman officiating. He was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Apr. 7, 1871. As a young man he came to America, settling in Wayne Co., O., where he was also baptized and received into church by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. Both have a common school education. He pursues farming. The following children were born to them near Dalton, O., viz:—

1. Elma, June. 2, 1897, (Seventh Generation).
2. Amos, June 31, 1898, (Seventh Generation).
3. Elam, Jan. 23, 1900, and died Feb. 18, 1900.
4. Marie, Oct. 5, 1902, and died the same day.
5. Monroe, Dec. 26, 1903, (Seventh Generation.)
6. Edwin, Nov. 1, 1905. (Seventh Generation).

b. Bertha Amstutz, (Sixth Generation).

Bertha began life Oct. 6, 1876. She being feeble minded, was never baptized, but Jesus loved her just the same, and when she died, Dec. 10, 1905, He received her into Glory, for His blood also atoned for her, and her condition in Heaven will be the same as all of God's redeemed children.

c. Edwin E. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation)

Edwin E. was born Nov. 29, 1877, and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., Oct. 6, 1893, by Rev. J. Lehman. He died of liver and stomach consumption, Mar. 15,

1902 He had a common school education.

d. Caroline Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, O.

Caroline entered upon the arena of time, Sept. 19, 1879. She obtained a fair common school training. She was baptized and became identified with her mother's church Oct. 6, 1893, under the administration of Rev. J. Lehman. She chose to travel the single path of life.

e. Reuben Amstutz,, (Sixth Generation) Dalton, O.

Reuben entered the shifting scenes of life Jan. 31, 1881. The rite of baptism, and reception into the parental Church took place Apr. 3, 1896, while Rev. J. Lehman was pastor. His occupation is farming. He obtained a fair education, and is single yet.

f. Esther Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, O.

Esther's career in life dates from Mar. 25, 1882. She was baptized and received into her parents' Church, by Rev. J. Lehman, Nov. 13, 1898. She has a fair education, and is single.

g. Menno S. Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, O.

Menno S. began the struggle of life Aug. 4, 1883. He was baptized and received into his parents' Church, Nov. 13, 1898. Aside from common school he attended High School in town. He has taught a number of terms of school, which profession he still follows with marked success and satisfaction. In Sep. 1906 he entered "The Moody Bible Institute," of Chicago. He is preparing himself for religious work.

h. Mollie Amstutz, (Sixth Generation).

Mollie's trials of life began Sept. 2, 1885. Rev. J. Lehman baptized and admitted her to church fellowship Apr. 13, 1900. Aside from common school she also took advantage of a high school training. After this she taught a term of both summer and winter school. Her life work was cut short by consumption, which ended her life, Oct. 10, 1903. She was plucked as a gardener plucks a beautiful flower in his garden. She was a very pleasant young woman, a sweet singer, a faithful organist, dearly beloved by all who knew her.

i. David Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, Ohio.

David began the journey of life Jun. 2, 1887. He was baptized and received into church fellowship by Rev. A. A. Sommer Sept. 8, 1902. He works on the farm, and has received a common school education. He is a lover of music, and a splendid singer.

j. Elmer Amstutz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, O.

Elmer was born Apr. 12, 1892. He is still attending common school.

5. John H. Tschantz, (Fifth Generation), Dalton O.

John H. commenced his earthly life, Dec. 4, 1854. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. Chr. Sommer, Apr. 14, 1876. He is now a member of the Gen. Conf. branch of the Mennonite Church. He began the voyage of matrimonial life with Lydia Steiner, Oct. 1, 1878. The wedding was solemnized by the above named Rev. His wife was born Nov. 30, 1857, in Putnam Co., O. The above named pastor also baptized, and received her into church, Apr. 11, 1873. She died of blood-poison Jan. 9, 1888. He was married the second time to Elizabeth Geiger, Feb. 16, 1892. She was born in Putnam Co., O., Jan. 17, 1866. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Moser, Mar. 23, 1883.

Aside from a common school education, John availed himself of the opportunity of attending one year, "The Bildungs Anstalt" at Wadsworth, Ohio, and the "Smithville High School", and "Wooster University", one term each. Thus he laid a good educational foundation, to discharge with ability and credit, his duties as a Christian and a citizen. In his church he has held, and is holding now, the office of Trustee for sixteen years. He has also held the office of Sunday-school Supt. for sixteen years. He is also the President of "The Sonnenberg Fire and Lightning Insurance Association", for the last fifteen years, and has again been elected for another term of five years. These things are evidences of his ability, tactfulness and integrity in the discharge of his entrusted duties, both in the church, and in temporal affairs. In his Sunday-school work he is very deeply interested, prompt and regular; and is availing himself of every opportunity to become better qualified for his important work as superintendent.

His love and loyalty to his church is beyond questioning. His oversight over the Insurance Association keeps him very busy. Aside from this he is a practical and successful farmer. The following children are the fruits with his two companions, all born near Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio; five with the first, and two with the second, viz:

a. W. Irving Tschantz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton. Ohio.

W. Irving was born July 17, 1879. He was baptized and received into the church of his parents by Rev. J. Lehman, April 12, 1895. He has a good common school education. Farming is his occupation. He was married to Dessie Rudy Jan. 19th 1905. Dessie

was born May 12, 1882. She was admitted into the United Presbyterian church in 1895. To them is born:

(1.) Clair D. March 16th 1906. (Seventh Generation).

b. Olive M. Tschantz Gerber, (Sixth Generation).

Olive M. first saw the light of the world Nov. 25, 1882. She was baptized and received into her parents church, by Rev. J. Lehman Sept. 16, 1897. Aside from common school, she attended the "Central Mennonite College," at Bluffton, Ohio, one year and thus has laid a good foundation for intellectual and Christian usefulness in the world. She entered matrimonial life with Reuben S. Gerber, Nov. 1, 1906, of Wayne Co., Ohio. Rev. A. A. Sommer tied the nuptial knot. Reuben was born March 1st, 1876. Baptized by Rev. Joel Lehman, Nov. 20 1891. He has now taken charge of his father's farm.

c. Dora C. Tschantz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, Ohio.

Dora C. arrived on the scene of action, April 1, 1885. She was baptized and admitted into her parents' church by Rev. J. Lehman, April 13, 1900. Besides a common school education, she also received a year's training in the "Central Mennonite College," at Bluffton, Ohio, and is prepared to become a greater blessing to man.

d. Amos A. Tschantz, (Sixth Generation) Dalton, Ohio.

Amos A. began the pathway of life, Dec. 31, 1887. At the age of sixteen Nov. 8, 1903, he received baptism from Rev. A. A. Sommer, and was admitted into his parents' church. He attended the common schools. His vocation is farming.

e. Lizzie E. Tschantz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, Ohio.

Lizzie E. began her brief earthly life, Dec. 31, 1887. She was a twin sister to Amos. She died of malaria fever Jan. 13, 1891.

f. Sylvie L. Tschantz, (Sixth Generation), Dalton, Ohio.

Sylvie L. was born Jan. 23, 1893. She was baptized at the Salem Mennonite church Oct. 28, 1906, and also received into church. She has a common school education.

g. Clyde M. Tschantz, (Sixth Generation).

Clyde M. was born July 24, 1898, and is now attending common school.

6. Anna Tschantz, (Fifth Generation).

Anna was born Mar. 18, 1857, and died ten days old.

7. Caroline Tschantz, Sprunger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Caroline commenced her earthly life Dec. 10, 1859. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church in 1877. On Apr. 9, 1895, she joined hands in wedlock with David C. Sprunger, who was born near Berne, Adams Co., Ind., Apr. 3, 1857. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church in 1875. Both have a fair common school education, and are highly respected members of their church, exerting a salutary influence over their community and acquaintances, for both have been earnest and faithful church and S. S. workers during the entire time of their connection with the church. They are ever ready to work in any branch of the church. They live on a farm one mile south of Berne. The following children are the fruit of their union, all born on their farm:—

- a. Milton F., Jan. 25, 1897. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Alida S., Nov. 4, 1899. " " "
- c. Leslie E., Feb. 26, 1901. " " "

8. Sarah A. Tschantz Badertscher, (Fifth Generation), Wayne Co., Ohio.

Sarah A. entered this life Nov. 2, 1865. Rev. J. Nusbaum baptized and admitted her into church fellowship Apr. 3, 1885. She was united in marriage to John Badertscher, Jan. 1, 1902, by Rev. A. A. Sommer. She died of blood poison, May 5, 1903. He was born Mar. 27, 1867 in Canton Bern, Switzerland. He came to America, Wayne Co., O., where he was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. C. Sommer, Apr. 7, 1882. John is quite a church and S. S. worker. At present he is elder of the church and assistant Supt. of the S. S. To them was born:—

- (a) Milton, May 1, 1903, (Sixth Generation).

9. William P. Tschantz, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

William P. began the shifting scenes of life, Aug. 27, 1867. The ordinance of baptism was administered to him by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Dec. 1, 1886, who also received him into church fellowship of the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf. He entered upon the matrimonial journey with Eliza Nusbaum, Dec. 29, 1892, Rev. J. Lehman tying the nuptial knot. She was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 30, 1871, and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Apr. 10, 1890, by A. A. Sommer. He is a farmer by occupation, a respected citizen, and an honorable member of his church. The following children are born to this union, near Apple Creek, Wayne Co., O., viz:—

- a. Elrena, May 20, 1895, (Sixth Generation).
- b. Milton, Nov. 16, 1897, " " "
- c. Martha, Sept. 16, 1899, " " died Sept. 18, 1899.
- d. Sylvan, " 29, 1900, " " " June 9, 1902.
- e. Menno, Oct. 3, 1902, " " " Oct. 5, "
- f. Clayton Alvin, Jan. 21, 1906, " " "

(B). Jacob Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Dalton, Ohio.

Jacob made his appearance on the arena of time Jan. 31, 1827. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. P. Schneck, Apr. 5, 1844. May 18, 1854, he entered marriage life with Elizabeth J. Gerber. Rev. U. Sommer solemnized the marriage act. She was born Nov. 14, 1831, and was baptized and admitted into the same Church when a young woman, by the same Rev. He was a farmer. They never had any children, but gave a pleasant Christian home to five orphans, to Mary Fiechter, and to four of his brother John's children. He and his wife were great benefactors, always lending a helping hand to those in need. They helped to support the "Geo. Mueller Orphanage" for many years. They always took a great interest in mission work. Thus they proved themselves to be very worthy members of their Church, and highly respected citizens of their community. They celebrated their golden wedding May 18, 1904. He was of a kind and genial disposition. He died from a complication of diseases, Sunday morning, Nov. 11, 1906.

(C). Elizabeth Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Elizabeth was born Aug. 3, 1828. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. P. Schneck, Apr. 5, 1844. She remained unmarried, and was always faithful to her faith and her God until death relieved her from suffering, caused by stomach trouble, on Apr. 25, 1886. Many were her noble deeds to the needy ones, who have missed her departure. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

(D). David D. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

David D. began the trials of life Jun. 18, 1830. His baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church took place Apr. 21, 1848, by Rev. P. Schneck. On Oct. 6, 1855, Rev. U. Sommer united him in marriage with Elizabeth Gerber. She was born Oct. 17, 1833, and was baptized and received into the same Church by the same Rev., Apr. 6, 1849. He was a respected member of his Church until death, which occurred Oct. 18, 1904, resulting from epileptic fits and dropsy. He was a great, but patient sufferer the last years of his life. His occupation was farming. The following children issued from this union, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio.

1. Christian D. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, Ohio.

Christian D. came to this world Sept. 18, 1856. The ordinance of baptism and reception to the privileges of the Mennonite Church, by Rev. C. Sommer, took place Apr. 14, 1876. He entered marriage life with Barbara Welty, Dec. 10, 1885, Rev. J. Nusbaum officiating. She was born Dec. 9, 1863, in Wayne Co., O. She was baptized and received into the same Church, and by the same pastor, Apr. 7, 1882. Her thread of life was cut by death, Apr. . . . 1887, caused by blood-poison. He is a model farmer. After his wife's death he returned to his parents' home and took charge of his father's farms, and since managed them. To them was born one son in Wayne Co., O.

a. Albert A. Baumgartner, (Sixth Generation), Apple Creek, Ohio.

Albert A. was born Apr. 6, 1887. He has received a common school education, and is a member of the Mennonite Church. Farming is his occupation.

2. Barbara Baumgartner, Lehman, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Barbara entered the changeable life of earth, Jul. 29, 1859. On Apr. 14, 1876, she was made the recipient of baptism by Rev. C. Sommer, who also received her into the Mennonite Church; and on Nov. 17, 1881, united her in marriage to Peter A. Lehman. He was born Jan. 12, 1845; and received baptism and admission into the Mennonite Church by the same Rev. Mar. 25, 1864. They enjoy the good confidence of their church people, and are still devoted to their faith. Farming is their occupation. Their marriage was made happy with the following children, all born in Wayne Co., O.

a. Reuben R. Lehman, (Sixth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Reuben R. began his career on earth Aug. 13, 1882. He was baptized and admitted into church fellowship of his parents' church by Rev. J. Nusbaum Apr. 15, 1900. He is engaged in farming. He has received a very good common school education.

b. Ella M. Lehman, (Sixth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Ella M. was initiated into the earthly life Aug. 28, 1885. She was baptized and admitted into her parents' church, by Rev. J. Nusbaum, Apr. 10, 1903. She attended common school.

c. Levina A. Lehman, (Sixth Generation).

Levina A. was born Jan. 28, 1889. She was baptized and admitted into her parents' church by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum March 29,

1907. She received a common school education.

- d. Waldo E. Lehman, (Sixth Gen.) was born Dec. 20, 1893.
- e. Sarah A. Lehman, " " " " Nov. 27, 1896.
- f. Anna E. Lehman, " " " " Nov. 17, 1898.

3. Mary Baumgartner, Welty, (Fifth Generation).

Mary's earthly life dates from Oct. 17, 1861. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 26, 1880 by Rev. C. Sommer. The journey of matrimonial life was begun with Benjamin Welty Dec. 10, 1885. Rev. J. Nussbaum tied the nuptial knot. He was born in Wayne Co., O., July, 7, 1862, and was baptized and admitted into the same church, and by the same Rev. as she was, Apr. 7, 1882. Pneumonia cut her thread of life, Jan. 15, 1896. To them was born one son, viz:—

a. David Welty, (Sixth Generation),

David was born Nov. 26, 1891. He is now attending common school.

4. Fanny Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Fanny was born Feb. 27, 1865. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nussbaum, Apr. 11, 1884. She attended common school, and is still living a maiden life. She is a faithful member of her Church, living consistent with her profession. She is a strong stay to her parents.

5. Anna E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Anna E. entered upon the pathway of life, Jun. 18, 1868, and received baptism and admission into the Mennonite church, Apr. 23, 1886 by Rev. J. Nussbaum. She attended common school. Like her sister she chose the single path of life, and is also a faithful member of the Church. She is a great support to her mother, and has taken the place of a house wife.

(E). John D. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

John D. entered this world Sept. 2, 1833. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 25, 1853, by Rev. U. Sommer. He gave his hand in wedlock to Katharina Gerber, May 9, 1861, pastor Sommer officiating. She entered life Nov. 23, 1833, and was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church.....by Rev. P. Schneek. She died of blood-poison, Nov. 7, 1867. His life work was farming. He departed this life for the realms above Jun. 18, 1872. Both were highly respected church members. Five children issued from this union as follows, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio:

1. Caroline Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Dalton, O.

Caroline began the voyage of life Mar. 19, 1862. She received baptism and church fellowship in the Mennonite Church Mar. 26, 1880, by Rev. C. Sommer. Later she became a member of the Mennonites of the Gen. Conf. She is a faithful member of her Church. She is unmarried and graces her life with uprightness. She also is a faithful support to her foster parents ever since she has grown to womanhood.

2. Rosina Baumgartner, Kirchhofer, (Fifth Generation), Dalton, Ohio.

Rosina entered upon the scene of action, Jun. 17, 1863. The ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev. C. Sommer..... who also received her into the Mennonite Church. Later she changed her Church relation to the Mennonites of the Gen. Conf. She was united in marriage with Daniel Kirchhofer, Aug. 9, 1896, by Rev. J. Lehman. He was born in Wayne Co., O., April 15, 1860, and was baptized and admitted to the privileges of the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf. Jun. 1, 1884, by Rev. C. Krehbiel. He availed himself of the opportunity of attending the "Fortbildungs Schule" at Halstead, Kans. He is quite a writer. Farming is his vocation. Their home was made happy with the following children, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio:—

- a. Roy M., Jun. 19, 1897, (Sixth Generation).
- b. Estella M., May 29, 1898, " " "
- c. Dora E., July 12, 1899, " " "
- d. Delvin C., May 31, 1901, " " "

3. Sarah Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Dalton, O.

Sarah was initiated into the trials of life, Oct. 12, 1864. Her baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church took place Mar. 23, 1883, by Rev. C. Sommer. She is still a faithful member of her church, and is living a single life. She has been suffering with headaches almost all her life but is a very patient sufferer with the full assurance that her Master means it well with her.

4. Daniel W. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Daniel W. began the conflicts of life June 30, 1866. His baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church took place Apr. 13, 1886, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. He was united in the marriage bond with Caroline Basinger, Sept. 24, 1891, by Rev. P. P. Lehman. She was born in Putnam Co., O., Oct. 2, 1866. Later they moved to Morgan Co., Mo., where they now reside. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf. Apr. 3, 1885, by Rev. P. P.

Lehman. He is a farmer. The following children were born unto them in Morgan Co., Mo.

- a. Wade D., Aug. 4, 1898. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Oliver E., Oct. 21, 1900. " " "
- c. Neal W., Feb. 22, 1904. " " "
- d. A son, July 9, 1906. " " "

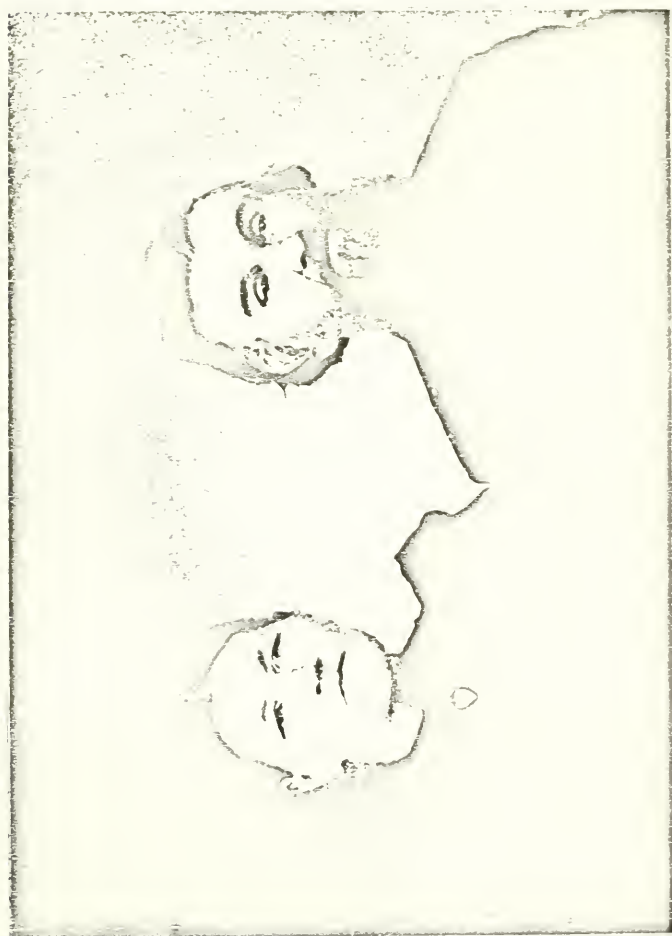
5. Elizabeth L. Baumgartner, Basinger, (Fifth Generation),
Morgan Co., Mo.

Elizabeth L. came to this world, Oct. 22, 1867. She was baptized and admitted to the Mennonite Church, Apr. 11, 1884, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. Later she joined the Mennonites of the Gen. Conf. She was married to Elias A. Basinger, Feb. 9, 1893, by Rev. P. P. Lehman officiating. He was born in Morgan Co., Mo., Sept. 17, 1867, and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 19, 1889, by Rev. M. S. Moyer. They live in the above named place on a farm where the following children were born to them, viz:—

- a. Sarah, Oct. 12, 1893. (Sixth Generation).
- b. David, Apr. 28, 1896. " " "
- c. Mary, " 11, 1899. " " "
- d. Amos, " 30, 1902. " " "
- e. Walter, June 5, 1904. " " "

(F.) Abraham D. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Abraham D. entered this unfriendly world, Mar. 22, 1835, in Wayne Co., O., and departed this life Dec. 5, 1903, in Harvey Co., Kan., resulting by being run over by a R. R. train, while crossing the track. The voyage of wedded life, with Barbara Gerber, began Apr. 6, 1865. Rev C. Sommer solemnized the marriage vow. He received the ordinance of baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 25, 1853, from the hands of Rev. U. Sommer. His wife was born Feb. 13, 1847 in Wayne Co., O., and was baptized and received into the same Church Apr. 3, 1863, by Rev. U. Sommer. His esteem and prominence in the church is proven by the trusts entrusted to him. He was repeatedly sent as a delegate to the Gen. Conf. branch of the Mennonite Church. He also served for twelve years, as a director of the "Bethel College" of his church, located in Newton, Kansas. He also for many years served as a member of the "Public School Board," and through his untiring efforts helped to build up the best school in the county. Although he was not an educated man, he engaged his powers, and utilized every opportunity to promote education. This he evidenced by sending eight of his



Barbara and Abraham D. Baumgartner

children to the above named college. He was an honorable citizen, held in high esteem, and took an active part in civil affairs. His political faith was Republican. From his fifteenth to his thirtieth year he was a practical shoemaker. After that he followed farming until death. He moved from Wayne Co., O., to Missouri in 1869, and later to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans., in Mar. 1884. She died Mar. 15, 1906, at home. She was a noble Christian mother, and left an indelible impress on the memory of her children. From this union issued a large group of happy children as follows:—

1 and 2. Simeon P. and Peter Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation),
Newton, Harvey Co., Kans.

Simeon P. and Peter were twin brothers, born in Wayne Co., O., Dec. 6, 1866. Peter died the same day he was born. Simeon grew up and received a common country school education. He moved to Missouri with his parents in 1869; and to Harvey Co., Kans., Mar. 1884. He was baptized and received into his father's Church as a young man, and is still a faithful member thereof. His matrimonial life with Saloma Hoffstetter, of Morgan Co., Mo., dates from Dec. 20, 1900, the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Moyer. He is a practical and successful farmer. They have as yet no children. She was born July 6, 1863 and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church Mar. 25, 1882, by Rev. C. Sommer.

3. John H. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Halstead, Harvey
Co., Kans.

John H., began this earthly life in Wayne Co., O., December 15, 1868. In Mar. 1884, he moved with his parents to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans., where he grew up to manhood, and enjoyed fair school privileges. In Oct. 1898, he took unto himself a helpmeet in the person of Bertha Fendrick. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. J. S. Miller, of the Kans. Conf. of the Evangelical Association, of which both are honored members. He has been honored by his Church with superintending the Sunday-school, and also served as one of the Trustees of the Church. He is a successful farmer. The following children are born to them in Harvey Co., Kans., viz:—

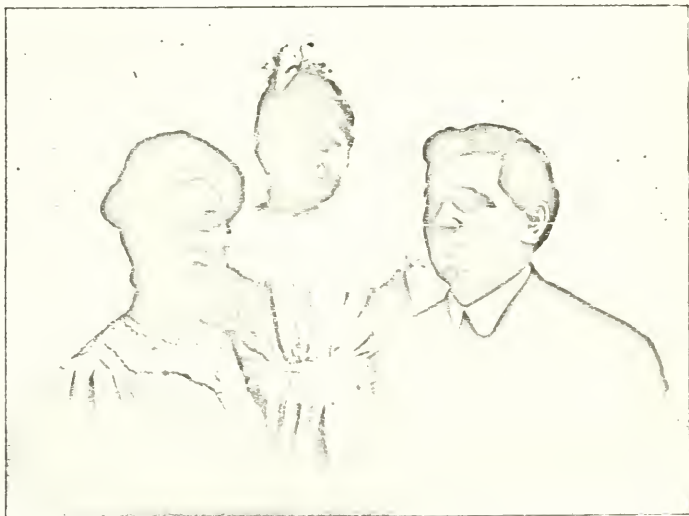
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| a. Clarence Willard, | Sept. 28, 1900. | " | " | " |
| b. Ruth, | Feb. 5, 1901. | " | " | " |
| c. Leeta, | Dec. 14, 1903. | " | " | " |
| d. Milton Edwin, | Jan. 28, 1906. | " | " | " |

4. Albert E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

The brief life of Albert E. began Mar. 8, 1870, in Morgan Co., Mo., and closed Nov. 1, 1871.

5. Prof. William J. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Lawrence, Kans.

William J., entered the arena of time, May 14, 1871, in Morgan Co., Mo., and in Mar. 1884, moved to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans., with his parents. In his youth he received the rite of baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church, Halstead, Kans., of which he is a very worthy member. The voyage of matrimonial life, with Olga E. Leisy, of Wisner, Nebraska, was commenced on Dec. 19, 1900. He enjoyed the opportunity of obtaining a liberal education at home, then followed seven years of successful teaching. He attended educational institutions as follows:—"Halstead Seminary" two years;



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William J.

"Salina Normal" one term; "Bethel College" of the Mennonite Church one year; "Kansas State University," three years, from which institution he also graduated in 1900, and also served as a teacher, in the same, one year; and the "University of Chicago," three years, and taught here one year as associate teacher, and was a Fellow for two years up to 1904, and has since received his degree of Ph. D. He is at the present engaged as Asst. Prof. of Zoology and Histology in the "Kansas State University." He is eminently qualified for an instructor, and will make his life-work tell for great good in the world. The fact that he was employed as assistant teacher in Uni-

versities, while attending school, is good evidence of his ability to teach. He is highly esteemed by the University instructors and directors. During his college days he was elected to the honorary literary fraternity "Phi Beta Kappa; and also to the honorary scientific society Sigma Xi. He is now a member of the following scientific societies: "The Kansas Academy of Science," "The American Association for the Advancement of Science," "The American Association of Anatomists," "The Central Branch of the American Zoologists." He has published the following papers: "The Spermatid Transformation in *Gryllus Assimilis* with Special Reference to the Nebenkern" in Science Bulletin University of Kansas. "Some New Evidences for the Individuality of the Chromosomes" in "Biological Bulletin Woodshall." He is the happy father of a daughter, born in Chicago, Ill., viz:—

a. Leona, Aug. 18, 1902. (Sixth Generation).

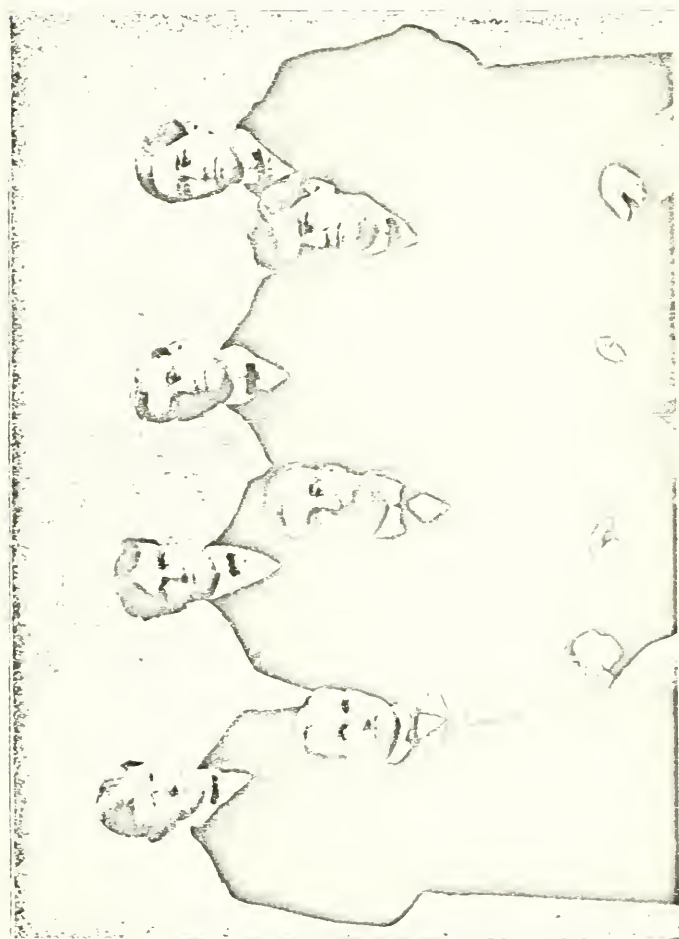
6. Caroline M. Baumgartner, Hahn. (Fifth Generation), Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans.

Caroline M. was born in Morgan Co., Mo., Nov. 1, 1872. In March 1884, she moved with her parents to Halstead, Harvey Co., Kans., where she grew to womanhood. She became a member of the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf. in early life, of which she still is a faithful member. She was united in marriage with August Hahn, of Harvey Co., Kans., in Mar. 1901, by Rev. C. Krehbiel. She received a fair education. Her husband was born in Summerfield, Ill., Jan. 10, 1875. They are farming, and are respectable citizens of above named place. To them is born a daughter:—

a. Helen Barbara, May 10, 1904, (Sixth Generation).

7. Prof. Milton D. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation). Address Lincoln, Neb.

Milton D. also began the activities of life in Morgan Co., Mo., Jan. 4, 1874. He is also a loyal member of the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf., in Halstead, Kansas. Aside from attending common school, he also had the opportunity of attending "Bethel College" of the Mennonite Church, in Newton, Kans., for three years; and then the "Kansas University" for three years, from which he also graduated in 1902. Previously he taught public school for four years, thus laying a good foundation for higher positions in the scholastic life. In Halstead he taught the "Gemeinde Schule" one term. Since 1903 he has been doing graduate work in the "University of Chicago," and teaching alternatively, thus getting both theory and practice. In the winter of 1905 he substituted in German, in "Buttler College,"



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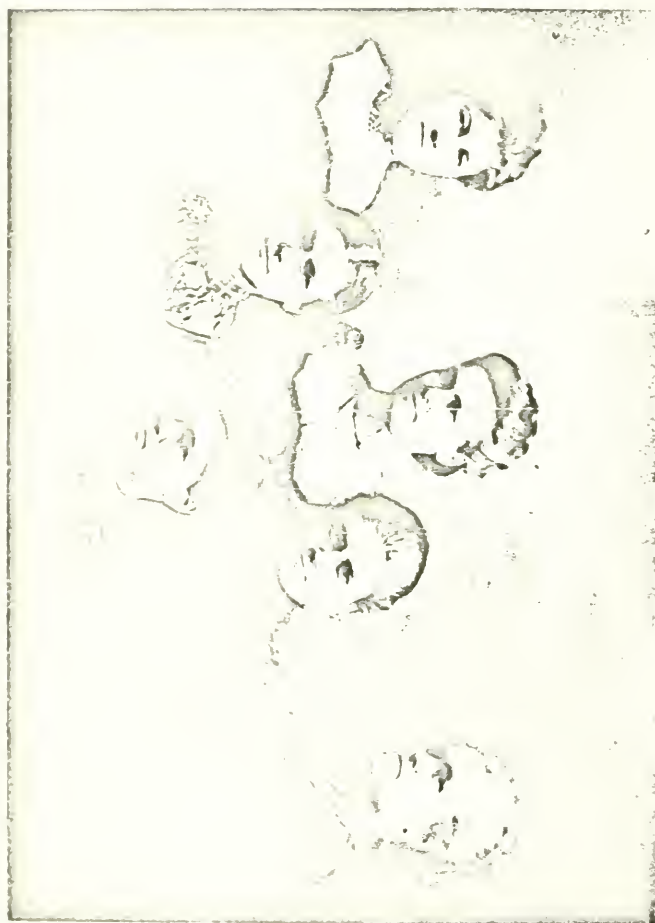
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Irvington, Ind. In 1906-7 he was acting as assistant Professor of German in the "Missouri University," and in the Spring and Summer of 1907 he again attended the Chicago University but soon again left his study at Chicago, to act as head of the German department in "Miami University" at Oxford, Ohio, but returned in the Autumn to Chicago to resume his studies in the University, where he finished the Ph. D. Course in 1908. He is a member of the "Fellow in Germanics" 1906-1908, and President of the Fellow's Club and also of the Germanics Club in 1907 at the University of Chicago; in January 1908 he was appointed Instructor of Germanic Languages and Literatures at the University of Nebraska, and in April he was promoted to Adjunct Professor; and was also made a member of the "Modern Language Association of America." Thus he is prepared for a very useful life in the educational field, and has a bright future before him. He is still unmarried.

8. Martha Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Martha was born Oct. 21, 1876, and died Dec. 20, 1877.

9. Bertha I. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

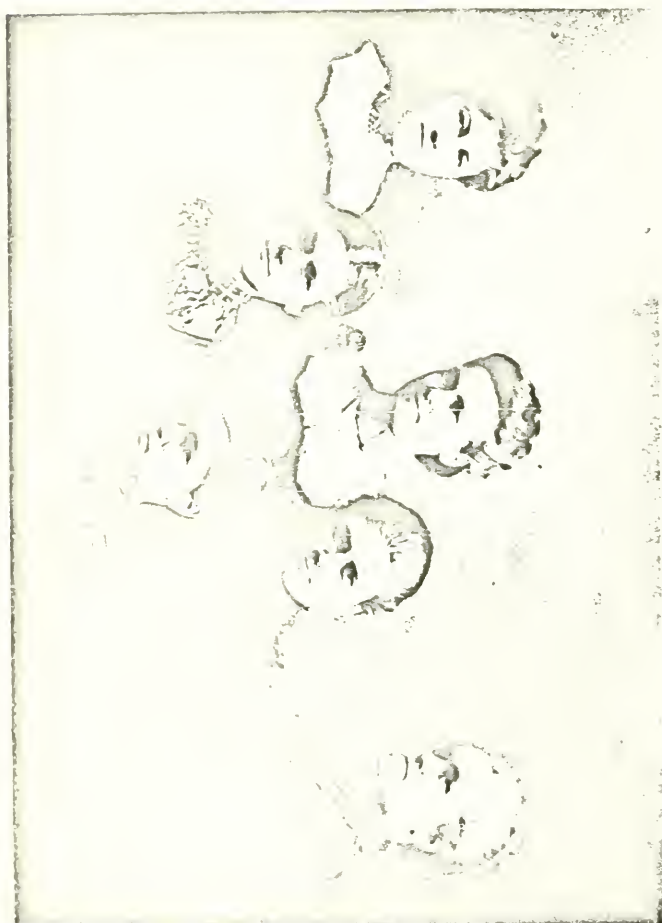
Bertha I. came to this world in Morgan Co., Mo., Aug 7, 1878, and with her parents moved to Harvey Co., Kans., in 1884. She also is a devoted member of the Mennonite Church, of the Gen. Conf. She enjoyed the privilege of attending the "Bethel College" in Newton, Kans. for two years. She taught school one year. She is now following dressmaking. She is still living a single life.

10. Elizabeth B Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

Elizabeth B entered upon the scene of time in Morgan Co., Mo., Apr. 9, 1880. She became identified with her parents' Church Apr. 30, 1899, and is now a consistent member of the Halstead Mennonite society. She also availed herself of the opportunity of attending the "Bethel College" in Newton, Kans., for three years. She taught public school for six years, and the "Gemeinde Schule" four years. In 1904 she attended "Baker University" in Baldwin, Kans., and now has a professional Teacher's certificate for life for the State of Kansas. She is still unmarried.

11 and 12. Walter C. and Jennie E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

Walter C. and Jennie E. are twins, born in Morgan Co., Mo., March 12, 1882. At the age of seventeen they united with their parents' Church, of which they are still worthy members. Walter is a practical farmer, farming the home place, and is looking after the



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9. Bertha I. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

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Walter C. and Jennie E. are twins, 'born in Morgan Co., Mo., March 12, 1882. At the age of seventeen they united with their parents' Church, of which they are still worthy members. Walter is a practical farmer, farming the home place, and is looking after the

estate's interests. He also received a good education. He attended "Bethel College" in Newton, Kans., for two years, and was at the "State Agricultural College," at Manhattan, Kans., one term. Jennie attended "Bethel College" two years, and also taught public school two years. Since then she has been at home. Both are yet traveling the single course of life.

13. Rosa E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

Rose E. was born in Harvey Co., Kans., April 14, 1884. She is also a member of her parents' Church in Halstead, Kans., since April 30, 1899. Her school privileges were also good. She is still at home living a single life.

14. David C. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

David C. entered life's pathway in Harvey Co., Kans., July 24, 1885. He is now in partnership with his brother Walter, on the home farm, where he is industrious and persevering in his work.

15. Edwin A. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

Edwin A. was also born in Harvey Co., Kans., Feb. 14, 1887. He attended "Bethel College" in Newton, Kans., two years, and in the Autumn of 1906 he entered the "State University" of Kansas at Lawrence, where he is distinguishing himself as a student, is preparing for an academic career, and taking a six year medical course.

16. Rachel A. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Newton, Kans.

Rachel A. was born in Harvey Co., Kans., Nov. 18, 1889. She united with her parents' Church Aug. 26, 1907. After graduating from the public school, she attended "Bethel College" one year, from 1905-6. At present she is living with her brother William J. at Lawrence, where she is attending the High school.

(G.) Peter D. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Apple Creek, O.

Peter D. entered this unfriendly world, Dec. 11, 1836. He was baptized and received into the privileges of the Mennonite Church by Rev. U. Sommer, March 21, 1856. On Oct. 8, 1863, he took unto himself a wife named Barbara A. Lehman; the marriage act was solemnized by the aforesaid minister. She began this life in Wayne Co., O., Nov. 4, 1843, and was baptized and received into Church, Mar. 29, 1861, by the aforesaid Rev. They are both loyal and respected members of their church, and seek to exert a good moral and religious influence in their sphere of life. He is a practical and industrious farmer, possessed with frugal habits of life, kind in his social intercourse with his neighbors, and disposed to be helpful to those in need. His home was made happy with the following children, all born near Apple Creek, Wayne Co., O., viz:—

1. Solomon C. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Pandora, Putnam Co., O.

Solomon C. started life's pathway June 26, 1865. He was baptized and admitted to the privileges of the Mennonite Church April 23, 1886, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. The matrimonial life with Anna Sutter was begun Jan. 8, 1891, Rev. J. Moser performed the wedding act. She was born in Putnam Co., O., Jan. 25, 1865, and was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church Mar. 23, 1883, also by Rev. J. M. He is a busy and successful farmer. This union is blessed with the following children born near Pandora, Putnam Co., O., viz:—

- a. Naomi D., Feb 2 1892. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Elmira R., Sept. 9, 1893. " "
- c. Mary L., Aug. 1, 1896. " "
- d. Alban P., Mar. 15, 1898. " "
died Jan. 30, 1901, of croup.
- e. Olin C., Feb. 19, 1900. " "
- f. Hulda, June 7, 1902. " "
died June 13, 1902.
- g. Almeda, May 21, 1905. " "

2. Delila Baumgartner, Bixel, (Fifth Generation,) Bluffton, O.

Delila began this probationary life Jan. 1, 1867. Her baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church took place Apr. 23, 1886, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. She was united in marriage with David Bixel, Dec. 3, 1891, by Rev. J. Moser. He was born in Allen Co., O., May 26, 1866, and baptized and admitted into churchfellowship of the Mennonite Church, Apr. 3, 1885, by Rev. J. Moser. He is a Jeweler, in Bluffton, O., where he is doing a profitable business. Their family circle is made happy with the following named children, born in Bluffton, O., viz:—

- a. Dora, Mar. 8, 1893. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Mildred, Jan. 24, 1895. " "
- c. Gordon, Sept. 14, 1896. " "
- d. Fern, Feb. 1, 1900. " "

3. William Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Pandora, Putnam Co., O.

William began the conflict of life Sept. 3, 1868. He received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church Apr. 19, 1889, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. The matrimonial life with Martha Basinger began Sept. 5, 1893. She was born in Putnam Co., O., Dec. 18, 1849, and received baptism and reception into the Mennonite Church Apr. 23,

1886, by Rev. J. Moser. He is a day laborer. They have two children. She died Apr. 29, 1907, of paralysis.

a. Alta, May 12, 1896. (Sixth Generation).

b. Ivan, Jan. 15, 1906. " "

4. Jacob Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Wayne Co. O.

Jacob arrived in this world May 12, 1870. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nusbaum, Mar. 27, 1891. On Jan. 11, 1894, he was united in marriage with Lina Amstutz. She was born Nov. 15, 1867, and baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by the aforesaid minister, Apr. 3, 1885. He is a day laborer. This union is blessed with one child:—

a. David, Sept. 6, 1894. (Sixth Generation).

5. Clara Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, Wayne Co., O.

Clara entered the shifting scenes of life Feb. 18, 1872. She has received a district school education. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nusbaum, Mar. 27, 1891, of which she is a loyal member. She is still traveling the journey of life alone.

6. David Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

David was born Apr. 12, 1874, and died of spinal and brain fever Feb. 15, 1878.

7. Rosa Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, Wayne Co., O.

Rosa began the trials of life May 23, 1876. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nusbaum, Mar. 28, 1894. She is a faithful member of her church. She attended common school. She is at home and is unmarried.

8. Peter Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Apple Creek, Wayne Co., O.

Peter's career of earthly life dates from Sept. 12, 1878. His school privileges were only district schools. He was baptized and admitted into the privileges of the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nusbaum, Apr. 16, 1897. His occupation is farming. Not caring to travel life's journey alone, he chose Katie Martin, of Wayne Co., to share his joys and sorrows. They were married Dec. 2, 1906, by Bishop I. Bachwalter. She was born in Elkhart Co., Ind., Aug. 2, 1881. She is also a member of the Mennonite Church.

9 Katharina Baumgartner, Shoup, (Fifth Generation), Beach City, Holmes Co., O.

Katharina entered the trials of life June 27, 1880. She received a common school education. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Nusbaum, Mar. 31, 1899. She became the wife of William F. Shoup Jan. 1, 1903. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. I. Buchwalter. He was born Aug. 12, 1881, in Holmes Co., O, where he was also baptized and received into the Mennonite church, May, 1897, by Rev. I. B. He is a farmer by occupation. To them are born:—

- a. Gladys, Feb. 11, 1904. (Sixth Generation)
- b. Elma, Feb. 18, 1906. “ “

10. Martha Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation). Apple Creek, Wayne Co., O.

Martha entered this life May 20, 1882, and was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church, Apr. 15, 1900 by Rev. J. Nusbaum. She has a common school education.

11. Naomi Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Naoma was born Oct. 28, 1885, and died of spinal disease, Apr. 24, 1886.

H. Katharina Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Katharina was born Nov. 22, 1840, and died Apr. 2, 1845.

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Abraham Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

Abraham was the third child of Rev. David Baumgartner by his first wife. He was born in Buderichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 13, 1800. The name of his wife, to whom he was married, Oct. 25, 1828, at Perrefitte, was Barbara Oberli, of Lützelfüh. She was born May 5, 1802, and died in Undervelier, May 9, 1879. The writer remembers of hearing his father say, of his half-brother Abraham, as having been a strong man, and knew no fear, even dared so-called "spooks" to come forth and meet him. But they were either only imaginary apparitions in the minds of fearful people, or they were afraid to meet him. He and his family were members of the Mennonite Church in Switzerland. His death occurred Oct. 19, 1848. The fruits of this union were as follows, born at Lagot, Souboz, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

(A.) Maria Anna Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Maria A., was born Dec. 7, 1829. She died at Bauschwyl, Canton Solothurn, Feb. 24, 1895. She was never married. She belonged to the Mennonite Church.

(B.) John Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

John was born Sept. 10, 1834, and died unmarried.

(C.) Katharina Baumgartner, Bahler, (Fourth Generation).

Katharina was born Oct. 14, 1839. She was united in marriage to John Bahler of Buchholterberg on Corgemontberg, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Nov. 18, 1865, where they also afterwards lived. He was born in 1838 in Eggiwyl, Emmental, Canton Bern. In his 19th year he was necessitated to flee to Jura, Canton Bern. The reason is not stated, but likely on account of war. She died Dec. 2, 1897. After her death he broke up housekeeping, and now lives with neighbors. At one time he possessed considerable land and live stock: but he is now in limited circumstances, depending on his daily earnings for a living. But he writes that he never was as well as now, and as free from anxiety as now. Their union was blessed with the following children, all born on Corgemontberg, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, viz:—

1. Anna Elizabeth Bahler, Oberli, (Fifth Generation).

Anna E. was born May 25, 1868. She was married to Edward Oberli March 14, 1893. He was born in Lützelflüh, Emmental. Their present address is Prerno, Tramelan, Canton Bern. They are members of the Mennonite Church. They never had any children.

2. Mary Anna Bahler, Lerch, (Fifth Generation).

Mary A. began the journey of life April 10, 1869. She was married to Christian Lerch, Feb. 20, 1892. He was born in Sumiswald, Emmental, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Their vocation is farming. They are also members of the Mennonite Church. Their address is la Tanne, Tramelan, Canton Bern. The following children are born unto them on Corgemontberg, viz:—

a. Christian,	Oct. 19, 1893.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Peter,	Jan. 1, 1895.	" "
c. Emma,	Mar. 18, 1896.	" "
d. Henry,	May 23, 1897.	" "
e. Ida,	July 19, 1898.	" "
f. Otto,	Jan. 17, 1900.	" "
g. Isaac,	Nov. 3, 1901.	" "
h. John,	Aug. 12, 1903.	" "
i. Jacob,	Oct. 9, 1904.	" "

3. Verena Bähler, Zaugg, (Fifth Generation).

Verena was born July 16, 1870. She began the voyage of married life with Peter Zaugg, Jan. 17, 1896. He was born Jan. 8, 1870, in Balmcowith, Trub. They live in France, Borchye, Delle, where all their children were born, and where he has a large farm and many cattle. Their children are as follows:—

a. John,	Aug. 25, 1896.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Peter,	June 17, 1897.	" "
c. Louis,	Aug. 6, 1898.	" "
d. Paul,	Oct. 28, 1899.	" "
e. Frida,	Oct. 11, 1900.	" "
f. Anna,	Dec. 25, 1901.	" "
g. Henry,	Dec. 24, 1902.	" "
h. Ernst,	May 4, 1904.	" "

4. Katharina Bahler, Zuercher, (Fifth Generation).

Katharina arrived in this world June 10, 1871. She was joined in marriage to John Zuercher, Feb. 13, 1892. He was born in Rüderswyl, Emmental, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They now live on

Sonbevalberg. Their address is la Tanne, Tramelan. He is a farmer. Their children are as follows:—

a. John,	Feb. 18, 1894.	(Sixth Generation).	
b. Anna,	Feb. 29, 1895.	"	"
c. Abraham,	Mar. 20, 1896.	"	"
d. Samuel,	June 18, 1897.	"	"
e. Christian,	Sept. 27, 1898.	"	"
f. Dina,	June 28, 1901.	"	"
g. Peter,	Sept. 27, 1902.	"	"
h. Katharina,	Jan. 9, 1904.	"	"

5. Barbara Bahler, Oberli, (Fifth Generation).

Barbara was born July 10, 1872, and was married to Abraham Oberli, Oct. 27, 1893. She died May 3, 1902. He lives at Chaumont, Cerlates, Saignelegier. To this union were given the following children, all born at Chaumont:—

a. Samuel,	Oct. 21, 1894.	(Sixth Generation).	
b. Peter,	Jan. 6, 1896.	"	"
c. Mary,	June 17, 1898.	"	"
d. Lydia,	" " "	"	"
e. Anna,	April 13, 1899.	"	"
f. Abraham,	July 4, 1900.	"	"

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Anna Baumgartner, Lehman, (Third Generation).

Anna was the fourth child of Rev. David Baumgartner, by his second wife, whose surname was Bixler. She was born in Buderichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, March 29, 1805. She was united in marriage to Peter Lehman, Mar. 10, 1827. He was born in 1799. His mother's name was Katharina Sommer. They were members of the Mennonite Church. They never had any children. She died of old age, Apr. 7, 1879, in Corgemont, Switzerland.

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Sec. V.

Rev. Christian Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

Christian was the first child of Rev. David Baumgartner, by his third wife. He began his journey of life in this unfriendly world, in Buderichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 31, 1809. His school privileges were meager, yet he achieved a fair German education. He came to America, settling in Wayne Co., O., in the spring of 1837. Believing the Scripture, that it is not good for man to be alone, he entered the marriage bond with Fanny Schrag, Aug. 4, 1838. Rev. Peter Schneck, of the Mennonite Church of the Sonnenberg society, in Wayne Co., O., solemnized the wedding ceremony. Land in Ohio being dear, and hearing of government land yet to be had in Indiana at low figures, he concluded to move there. So in the Fall of 1839 he moved with his family to Wells Co., Ind., about one mile northwest of Vera Cruz, where he bought one quartersection of mostly heavily timbered land. Here he continued to live until his death, which occurred Aug. 24, 1878, resulting from brain fever of a few days' duration only.

His first wife, Fanny Schrag, died Oct. 24, 1850. This left him with seven small children. He looked about for a second wife and mother to his children. Katharina Baumgartner, (nee Lehman, who was the widow of John Baumgartner, and the mother of the well known Dr. C. C. Baumgartner), became his second wife, Dec. 2, 1852. The marriage was solemnized evidently by his father. Christian became associate minister to his father, Mar. 18, 1845, when the lot, according to the method pursued by the Mennonites, fell on him. Later he was released from this obligation, as the writer was informed, but again made minister the second time Oct. 21, 1866. (See record in his Bible, now the property of his daughter, Maria Neaderhauser). He and his father alternated in preaching. They preached every three weeks, both in Adams and Wells counties, according to his father's own statement. (See father's letter). He remained, after the second installation into the ministry, a minister until death. He was very loyal to his Church, and strictly adhered to her polity, and to his religious convictions, and almost considered it a religious duty to shun those of his own household who held to other religious faiths.

In his younger days he frequently walked three miles to church, on Sunday mornings, that he might be better able to meditate on the

subject he wished to bring before the people. The writer of this sketch can see him yet with the mind's eye, walking along the public highway, in a deep contemplative mood, or in bad weather riding with his family, on a spring wagon, when Sunday morning came. He generally wore a long cutaway swallow-tailed coat, without a lay-down collar. He was a man of medium height and weight, with round shoulders, and wore medium long whiskers. His life was not without trials and tribulations. He lived in an age when ignorance, lax morals and sectarianism often had high sway, and caused spirited disputations, and vexation of spirit. But gradually out of this chaos came better things, holier belief and living, and denominational toleration emerged from the former chaotic conditions. In disposition he was peaceful, in work industrious, and in habits frugal, and thus he succeeded in making a comfortable living for his family. His children were all born in Wells Co., Ind., in the following order:—

(A). Samuel Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Samuel was born Sept. 14, 1839, and died Feb. 10, 1881. When a child of two years, he was bitten by a rattlesnake, which brought periodical falling fits, and as a consequence remained a simpleton to his death.

(B). David Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

David was born Feb. 14, 1841, and died by drowning, while swimming below the Vera Cruz dam in the Wabash river, July 7, 1863. He was a promising young man.

(C). Benjamin Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Benjamin entered the scene of action May 10, 1842. His educational advantages were quite limited from lack of good schools and teachers. Having become of age he went to Wayne Co., O., where after some time he became engaged to Magdalena Sommer and was married to her Oct. 5, 1865. In Nov. they moved to Wells Co., Ind., near Vera Cruz, but in Nov. 1867 they moved back to Ohio, and in Oct. 1874 to Wadsworth, Medina Co., O., and in Apr. 1892 to Bluffton, Allen Co., O. From here they moved to Adams Co., Ind., in Mar. 1895; and to Bluffton, Ind., in 1901 where they have since lived. They are members of the Mennonite Church, holding their membership in Berne, Ind. He is in the employ of the "Bluffton Windmill Co." He is quite portly in built, unassuming in disposition, and industrious. To them were born the following children:—

1. Anna Christina Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Anna C. was born in Wells Co., Ind., July 18, 1866, and died three days later.

2. Prof. Gideon U. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Seville, Medina Co., O.

Gideon U. entered the pathway of life in Wells Co., Ind., near Vera Cruz, June 24, 1867. His boyhood days were spent in doing farm work, and attending public school. He availed himself of the opportunities that came to him for getting an education. He attended the Normal School of Wadsworth for three years. He received his State license in 1905. Thus he is well fitted for a public school instructor. He has followed teaching for seventeen years. In 1904-5 he superintended the schools of Seville, O., and in 1906-7 those of Creston, O. The impress of his intellectual training is being indelibly stamped on the minds of the present generations around him. He was married to Deila Koppes, Mar. 29, 1893. She was born near Medina Co., O., Jan. 26, 1868. He was first a member of the Mennonite Church, but is now a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their home is blessed with one child, born in Seville, Ohio:—

- a. Harold K., June 28, 1895, (Sixth Generation).

3. Sarah Matilda Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Sarah M. began her pathway of life in Wayne Co., O., Mar. 19, 1869. She enjoyed medium school privileges. When quite young she became a member of the Mennonite Church, but after moving to Bluffton, Ind., she became identified with the First Reformed Church of said place. She also is a member of the C. E. Society, and is active in both. She is a professional dressmaker, which occupation she has followed for many years. Thus far she has preferred to travel the path of life alone.

4. Israel Jacob Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Markle, Ind., Photographer.

Israel J. entered the race of life in Wayne Co., O., Aug. 7, 1870. He secured a good education in the High school of Bluffton, O., and three years of training in the Normal School of Wadsworth, O. Later on he learned the art of photography in Bluffton, Ind., under Benj. Ashbaucher, with whom he stayed three years. Then he moved to Markle, Huntington Co., Ind., where he is owner of a photograph gallery, and is doing a very profitable and acceptable business. He was united in marriage with Arnettie Reese, Jan. 11, 1898. She was born in Bluffton, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1871. They were both respected members of the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, Ind., until in 1906, when they transferred their membership to the M. E. Church in

Markle, Ind. The following children are the fruit of this union, born in Markle:—

- a. Earl Reese, May 23, 1899. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Irene Easter, Apr. 7, 1901. " " "
died July 7, 1902.
- c. Benj. Kent, July 27, 1902. " " "

5. Lovina Jane Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Lovina J. was initiated into the shifting scenes of this life in Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O., Oct. 11, 1874. She also received a high school education in Wadsworth, Ohio. She became identified with the Mennonite Church in 1895, and with the First Reformed Church of Bluffton, Ind., in 1905, of which she is now an acceptable member. Her occupation is general housework. She is yet single.

6. Rachel Alma Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Rachel A. was born Feb. 10, 1875, in Wadsworth, O., and died 11 days old.

7. Ida Caroline Baumgartner, Oldfather, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Ida C. entered the activities of life in Wayne Co., O., Mar. 24, 1876. She also enjoyed the privilege of attending the Wadsworth Normal school for three years. Her matrimonial life with John T. Oldfather commenced Dec. 4, 1898. He was born Feb. . . . 1875 in Rockcreek, Wells Co., Ind. They now live in Wells Co., Ind., eight miles northwest of Bluffton on their farm. They are respected members of the St. Paul Reformed Church in Rockcreek township. The following children have come to gladden their home, all born on the farm:—

- a. Donald Michael, Dec. 23, 1901. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Robert Benjamin, Mar. 3, 1903. " " "

8. Cyrus Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Cyrus began the trials in this life in Milton township, Wayne Co., O., Sept. 14, 1878. He availed himself of the good High school privileges in Bluffton, Ohio. He is now an acceptable salesman in the "Leader Store" in Bluffton, Ind. In 1897 he united with the Mennonite Church, but later joined the First Reformed Church, in Bluffton, Ind. He is still living a single life.

9. Susanna Mary Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Susanna M. also started her journey of life where brother Cyrus

did, on Jan. 31, 1881. She utilized her school days in securing a good education, graduating in the Bluffton High School in 1900. She is now employed as a clerk in the "W. Evans, and Winter's dry-goods store" of Bluffton, Ind. She is also a member of the First Reformed Church of above named place. She is yet traveling the single path of life.

(D.) Daniel Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Daniel began his earthly career Dec. 3, 1843. His educational privileges were meager. He was reared on the farm. On Mar. 9, 1867 he entered the marriage bond with Elizabeth Althaus, of Wayne Co., O. She was born Mar. 16, 1839, in Wayne Co., O., and died in Bluffton, O., Nov. 15, 1886. They were members of the Mennonite Church. After he farmed awhile he followed the shoe-maker trade a good part of his subsequent life. He was in the clothing business in Bluffton, O., about 12 years. He succumbed to the ravages of disease, in Bluffton, O., Feb. 16, 1904. The issue of this union are the following children:—

1. Mary A. Baumgartner, Steiner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ohio.

Mary A. was born Aug. 9, 1868. She had the opportunity to attend good public schools in Bluffton, O. She became the wife of Gideon C. Steiner, Nov. 1, 1888. He was born near Pandora, Putnam Co., O. Aside from attending the country school he took the privilege of attending the Normal School at Ada, O. He taught school for a number of years prior and after his marriage. They now possess fourty acres of good land and are in comfortable circumstances. They are both loyal members of the Swiss Mennonite Church. Their home is made happy with the following fruit of their union, born in Putnam Co., O., viz:—

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|----|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| a. | Orville Edison, | Oct. 20, 1889. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. | Edna Elizabeth, | Jan. 1, 1891. | " " |
| c. | Myron Elmer, | Nov. 8, 1892. | " " |
| | died | Feb. 28, 1893. | |
| d. | Lillian Ella, | July 12, 1894. | " " |
| | died | Oct. 8, 1894. | |
| e. | Olga Magdalena, | Aug. 14, 1895. | " " |
| f. | Zella Perleah, | Sept. 8, 1897. | " " |
| g. | Christian A., | Jan. 28, 1899. | " " |
| h. | Daniel Clayton, | Nov. 16, 1900. | " " |
| i. | Samuel Lysle, | Oct. 4, 1902. | " " |
| | died | Feb. 11, 1904. | |
| j. | Barbara Grace, | Nov. 24, 1903. | " " |
| | died | Dec. 27, 1903. | |
| k. | | | " " |

2. Joel E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Salem, Oregon,
(Bank Clerk).

Joel E. entered the arena of time Nov. 6, 1869, near Wooster, O. He received a good public school education in Bluffton, Ohio. Later he sought his place of activity in Salem, Oregon, where he met Ada Stapleton, wooed her and then married her Dec. 23, 1896. The marriage ceremony was solemnized by Rev. N. B. Maghan of the Episcopal Church, of which she is a member. She was born in Salem, Ore., June 29, 1872. He is a very efficient clerk of the "Ladd and Bush Banker's" bank in Salem, Ore. Two children have come to their home, both born in Salem, Ore., viz:—

- a. Josephine, July 14, 1901. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Lenta, June 25, 1904. " "

3. Albert L. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ohio,
(Clothier).

Albert L. commenced his earthly career near Bluffton, O., Feb. 28, 1871. He grew up to manhood in Bluffton, O., where he secured a good public school education. June 24, 1896, he took unto himself a wife named Ella Hilty, of Chicago, Ill. They are both members of the English Lutheran Church in Bluffton, O., where he is a successful merchant, being the first member of the "Baumgartner, Locher and Co. Shoe and Clothing Furnishings Firm" successors to his father Daniel. To them were born the following children, in above named place, viz:—

- a. Frederick Lysle, Mar. 28, 1897. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Albert Donovan, Apr. 24, 1898. " "
- c. Magdalena, June 12, 1901. " "
- d. Allen Lee, Aug. 10, 1903. " "
- e. Baby Girl, Jan. 30, 1908. " "

4. Regina Lucy Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Regina L. was born Oct. 15, 1872, and died Apr. 13, 1874.

5. William Elmer Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Alliance,
Ohio, (Salesman).

William E. began the battle of life in Wells Co., Ind., Jan. 12, 1875. He has a good business education. In 1891 he began work in a wholesale shoe store in Toledo, O., with which establishment he was connected until 1895. Then he entered the "Bethel College" of the Mennonite Church, located in Newton, Kans., remaining there until the summer of 1896. From here he went to Paulding Centre, Ohio, as a clerk in a "Clothing and shoe store." June 15, 1898, he enlisted for the "Spanish American War," and was enrolled as a pri-

vate in Co. C. 2nd O. V. J., until Nov. 1898, when he was transferred to serve in the 16th Co. U. S. V. signal corps. In Jan. 1899 he left for Cuba, where he served until May of the same year, when he was honorably discharged on account of his company being mustered out. Returning to Bluffton, O., he became a traveling salesman. Not wishing to go alone through this world he decided to enter matrimonial life with Grace Martin, Apr. 11, 1901. The nuptial knot was bound in the English Lutheran Church, in Bluffton, O., by Rev. Greenewalt, of Findlay, O. She was born in Sonora, Muskingum Co., O., July 11, 1879. In 1905 they moved to Alliance, O., where they built a house for themselves. They are both members of the English Lutheran Church. They are the happy parents of:—

- a. Martin Meredith, June 28, 1902, (Sixth Generation).
- b. 1906, “ “

E. Christian C. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Christian C. was born Apr. 15, 1845. He was reared on the farm. He only attended District school. When of age he went to Wayne Co., Ohio, where he later married Fanny Gerber, Feb. 1, 1869. Rev. Chr. Sommer officiated. She was born May 9, 1846, in Wayne Co., Ohio, and was baptized and received in the Mennonite Church in 1864. She lived a good Christian life. She succumbed to consumption in Berne, Ind., Mar. 23, 1888. After marriage they continued to live in Wayne Co., O., until sometime in 1872 when they moved a mile northwest of Vera Cruz, Ind. In 1878 they moved one mile north of town in the woods where he engaged in cutting timber. From here they moved in 1879 to a place one mile north of Berne, and in 1881 one-half mile south of it, and in 1882 one-half mile east of it and then south again until in 1884, when they moved into Berne. The following children were born to them:—

1. Eli Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind, Carpenter and Contractor.

Eli started in life's pathway in Wayne Co., O., Dec. 11, 1869. In 1872 he moved with his parents to Indiana. He remembers riding on the train, and wearing a dress. His inclination to handle carpenter tools manifested itself when he was seven years old when he made himself a wagon with an old hatchet and No. 10 saw. When eight years old he began to help his father cutting down trees one mile north of Vera Cruz, Ind. From youth up he was an industrious fellow, and had to depend largely upon his own physical resources. When he was twelve years old he commenced to work in a tile factory, where he continued for four summers. In 1886 he began

working for J. A. Sprunger doing all kinds of work, in factory and saw-mill, engineering, making "Mougey harrows," cider-press work, painting, and doing carpenter work on houses. Then he chose for his trade carpenter-work, and continued under a boss until 1893, when he began contracting himself and has done so ever since. He says,



Lousa and Eli Baumgartner

Ora

Ira

Elva

"He built the most houses in Berne, worked on nearly every house in town, building additions, or repairing. Thus he has by hard and careful and honest work made himself a great reputation as carpenter and builder.

He only had common school privileges. As a young man he be-

came identified with the Mennonite Church, Jan. 1, 1888, and followed his mother's admonitions. He has the respect and good will of the church people. He was united in the sacred bonds of marriage with Louisa Lehman, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, in the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., Dec. 23, 1894. She was born at Berne, Feb. 28, 1873, and united with his Church the same time he did. Their union was blessed with the following children, all born in Berne, Ind.,

- a. Leo, Apr. 19, 1896. (Sixth Generation).
died same day.
- b. Ira, July 20, 1897. " "
- c. Ora, Feb. 10, 1900. " "
- d. Elva, Nov. 10, 1906. " "

2. Emma Louisa Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Emma L. was born July 10, 1871 in Wayne Co, O. She was a member of her mother's Church when she died, Apr. 2, 1889. She was a noble young woman, died of consumption.

3. Calvin C. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Calvin C. was born at Vera Cruz, Ind., Mar, 2, 1874, and died Aug. 27, 1874.

4. Levina M. Baumgartner, Amstutz, (Fifth Generation),
Apple Creek, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Levina M. entered upon the scene of life at Vera Cruz, Ind., Jan. 8, 1876. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 31, 1893, by Rev. J. Nusbaum. She took the marriage vow with Elias Amstutz, of Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 25, 1900, by authority of the same minister that took her into church. He was born in Wayne Co. O, Dec. 7, 1875, and was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church, Mar. 23, 1894. He is a farmer living on their farm near Apple Creek, Ohio. They both received only a common school education. Their union was blessed with two children born on their farm,

- a. Menno S, Apr. 7, 1904. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Ellis E, Sept. 13, 1906. " "

5 Sarah Ann Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Sarah A. was born at Vera Cruz, Ind., Sept. 19, 1877, and died Oct. 2, 1877.

6. Adela C. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Adela C. was born at Berne, Ind. Apr. 17, 1880, and died July 12, 1880.

7. Edwin C. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Indiana,
Bridge-carpenter.

Edwin C. entered upon the activities of life at Berne, Ind., July 1, 1881. He received a common school education. He also followed the godly example of his mother, and as a young man was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Dec. 24, 1899 by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, and since remained a worthy member. By occupation he is a successful bridge-carpenter on the Grand Rapids and Indiana R. R. He was united in marriage with Delila Sprunger, by Rev. J. W. Kliever, of Berne, Indiana, Jan. 4, 1906. She was born near Berne, Ind., and is a member of the Mennonite Church, since Feb. 9, 1902. To them were born:—

a. Florine Verena, Aug. 29, 1907. (Sixth Generation).
died next day.

b. Pauline Regina, July 20, 1908. “ “

8. George C. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.,
Plasterer.

George C. entered this life Oct. 21, 1882, in Berne, Ind. He received a common school education. He has also followed the pious example of his mother, and affiliated with the Mennonite Church Apr. 5, 1901, by authority of Rev. J. Nusbaum. He has followed the carpenter trade for a while, but since 1904 he is a plasterer, in which trade he is meeting with good success. He is industrious and frugal in his habits of life. At the last presidential election, a Cincinnati paper offered certain sums of money for those who can guess the number of popular votes cast, or nearest to it, for presidential candidates. Geo. was one of the winners. He obtained the sum of \$800.00. He is yet on the single list.

9. Lenhart Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Lenhart was born in Berne, Ind., Nov. 26, 1887, and died Jan. 23, 1888.

(F.) Maria Baumgartner, Niederhauser, (Fourth Generation),
Linn Groye, Ind.

Maria began the conflicts of this earthly life, Dec. 30, 1846. At an early age she was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church, of which her father was one of the pastors. Later, however, while she worked in Elkhart, Ind. she consciously awoke to her spiritually unsaved condition, under preaching by ministers of the Evangelical Association, and after her conversion to God, she joined that denomination, however not without censure from home. On Oct. 29, 1871, she was united in marriage with Emmanuel Niederhauser, a widower of Linn Grove, Adams Co., Ind., Nov. 11, the

same year, she moved to his home, where she still resides. He owned a good "Grist Mill" in this place, and did quite a lucrative business. For many years he was quite prominent in the Church of the Ev. Association in Linn Grove, Ind.; and remained an honored member until death. The following children are the issue of this union, all born in Linn Grove:—

1. Frank Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation).

Frank was born Sept. 26, 1872, and died June 30, 1873.

2. Elmer Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation).

Elmer was born Nov. 6, 1873, and died Nov. 28, 1875.

3. Cora Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation), Pennville, Ind., (Clerk).

Cora entered upon the scene of time, Feb. 23, 1875. She obtained a good schooling in the graded village school of Linn Grove. Under the pastorate of Rev. John Huffman she was converted to God, and united with the Evangelical Association in 1882. For some years she has been a very efficient clerk in "Bender, Walmer and Barr's Drygoods Store", in Bluffton Ind. In Oct. 1906 she took a position as clerk in a store at Pennville, Ind., as manager of the drygoods department. She is of an amiable disposition, and thus far has preferred to live a single life.

4 and 5. Jesse and Karl Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation).

Jesse and Karl (Twins) were born May 26, 1877, and died the next day.

6. Effie Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind., (Clerk).

Effie's life dates from Apr. 5, 1878. She secured a good education at Linn Grove. Under the labors of Rev. D. D. Spangler she was converted to God, and joined the Evangelical Association at Linn Grove. She has proven herself a faithful and devoted worker. She served very acceptably for one year as Sunday-school Superintendent of her church; and also as steward. She has followed dressmaking for some years, at Linn Grove. In Oct. 1906, she accepted a position as clerk in the remodeling department in what is known as Bender, Walmer & Barr's Drygoods Store, in Bluffton, Ind. She is yet single.

7. Nellie Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind., (Clerk).

Nellie began the realities of life June 29, 1880. She also obtained a good education. She became a member of the Evangelical Association in Linn Grove under the labors of Rev. D. D. Spanger in 1899. She clerked in Haecker & Niederhauser's Gen. Merchandize Store

in Berne, Ind., for three years. She has also been a successful clerk in "Bender, Walmer and Barr's Drygoods Store" in Bluffton, Ind., since 1901. She has a cheery disposition, and is still single.

8. Milton Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation).

Milton was born May 10, 1882 and died Sept. 16, 1885.

9. Telsa Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind.

Telsa arrived in this world Apr. 10, 1884. She also received a good education. She was converted to God, under the labors of Rev. J. H. Rilling and united with the Evangelical Association, at Linn Grove, Ind. She follows dressmaking.

10. Homer Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind., (Clerk).

Homer stepped upon the arena of time, Dec. 18, 1886. He was converted to God and united with the Evangelical Association at Linn Grove, Ind., at the age of sixteen, under Rev. J. H. Rilling. He worked on his mother's farm and also for a while worked in a stonequarry. He made good use of his school privileges, and successfully taught one term of country school. In 1906 he hired out as clerk to his half-brother Fred Niederhauser, in his store in Linn Grove, Ind.

11. Ida Harrison Niederhauser, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind.

Ida H. began the career of life Mar. 27, 1889. She has passed through the graded school at Linn Grove, Ind., and made good use of her school privileges. General housework is her occupation.

(G.) Jacob J. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Bluffton, Ind., (Clerk).

Jacob J. began the trials of life Nov. 23, 1848. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, and attending country school. He was baptized in Wadsworth, Ohio, and became a member of the Mennonite Church when 21 years old. He had to quit public school at the age of fourteen; but being dissatisfied with the meagerly acquired knowledge, he entered a three months' "Normal School" in Bluffton, Ind., in 1869, at the close of which he passed successfully a teacher's examination and secured a license to teach a four months' winter term of school. This was in the winter of 1869-70. Becoming imbued with the spirit of teaching, he availed himself of the privilege of attending the "Mennonite College" in Wadsworth, Ohio, from Spring to Fall of 1871. Here he obtained a fund of wholesome knowledge. Returning home he taught one term of school in

the election school house, District No. 3, of French township, Adams Co., Ind., which at that time stood on the farm of the writer's father. He also gave instruction in vocal music with ability and success. From him the writer learned to read music, when eleven years old. Soon after the close of the school in Apr. 1872, he accepted a position as clerk in "H. C. Arnold & Co's. Drygoods Store" in Bluffton, Ind. After some years he formed partnership with other men as "drygoods and shoe merchant", first in Bluffton, Ind. Later selling out here, he launched out in the same line of business in Warren, Huntington Co., Ind. After a while he again sold out, and moved back to Bluffton, Ind., and hired out in 1894 as clerk to the Ashbaucher Bro's who conducted a "Gents Clothing Store", in this city, and on Jan. 1, 1906, he remained with "Ober & Weisell" successors to Ashbaucher Bro's. and has since been with them.

He was born and endowed with a spirit of integrity and fairness, and with a conception of things that would not tally evenly with most men, in quest of wealth and fame. "It is a noticeable fact," Jacob says, "that mankind in this age of grab, measures manhood by his property, not by his moral and religious worth." There were few men with loftier ambitions than he had, when he entered upon the competitive arena of life in 1869, when he had reached his majority age. However he was not as fortunate as others to realize the ambition and the desire of his heart. But a life of integrity and good manhood and right intentions are a greater store of wealth than acres, houses, silver and gold. He owns his own property.

In Bluffton he became identified with the M. E. Church, of which he is a worthy member and in which he held the office of Sec. of the official board for some time. He and his wife conducted the choir of the M. E. Church for five years. Not believing that it is good for man to live alone, he wooed, and then married S. Amelia Tribolet, of Bluffton, Ind., Aug. 26, 1875. Rev. C. Martindale, pastor of the M. E. Church, tied the nuptial knot. She was born in Wells Co., Ind., Dec. 24, 1854. Their union was blessed with two sons, both born in Bluffton, Wells Co., Ind. viz:—

1. Ralph E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Ralph C. entered this world Aug. 24, 1880. He enjoyed splendid school privileges in Bluffton. He is now engaged as machinist in a pump factory in Bluffton, Ind., where he resides. He started on the matrimonial pathway with Anna Gregg June 21, 1904. She was born..... He is a member of the M. E. Church in Bluffton and she of the Baptist Church. To them is born a daughter:—

- a. Charlotte L., July 23, 1906, (Sixth Generation).

2. Walter E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Walter E. arrived in this world Nov. 19, 1881. Not being satisfied with the amount of schooling he could get in the Bluffton High School, he entered "Purdue University" in Lafayette, Ind., where he has now been studying civil engineering for three years, and has one more year of studying to complete the course. He has also been doing practical engineering between school terms in which he has shown himself well qualified. He is a member of the M. E. Church in Bluffton.

(H). Peter Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Peter was the first child by his father's second wife, he was born in 1853, and died 11 days old.

(I). John C. Baumgartner. (Fourth Generation).

John C. was born Dec. 7, 1854. He received a fair education. He followed farming for his father until 1880. He was quite a singer, and gave instruction in vocal and instrumental music with efficiency. He was united in marriage with Mary A. Ashbaucher, of Adams Co., Dec. 26, 1878, at the bride's home by Rev. P. Vitz, her pastor. As a young man he was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church, but after marriage he united with the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, Ind. After marriage he stayed two years on the farm, then he bought a sawmill in Travesville, four miles south of Bluffton, and removed it to Poplar Grove, where soon thereafter he had the misfortune of getting his forearm sawed off. After his arm had healed he engaged as agent of a Publishing House selling Bibles. In the Spring of 1886 he began clerking for justice Clark and Biel, hardware dealers in Bluffton. After remaining with them a short time, he engaged in abstract business. But soon thereafter, with his influential friends he succeeded in getting the nomination for Recorder of Wells Co., Ind., and was elected in the Fall of 1886, which office he held for two consecutive terms, beginning Nov. 1887. After the expiration of his second term, he went into "The Folding Chair" business with C. Thomas as partner. While in this business he fell and received an injury which brought on his death on Mar. 16, 1894. He was a member of the K. of P. lodge. To them were born the following children:—

1. A daughter, still-born.

2. Charles Edwin Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind. Grocer.

Charles E. was born Aug. 16, 1881. He received a good public school education in Bluffton. He entered marriage life with Adda

Oman, of Bluffton, Ind., Jan. 21, 1898. She was born Aug....1880. He was for a while a partner with his brother in conducting a news stand, but later dissolved partnership, and launched out in grocery business, in which he is doing well. He is an active member in the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, Ind. They have one son.

a. Robert, June 12, 1898, (Sixth Generation).

3. Orin Wilfred Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind. Newsdealer.

Orin W. began life Dec. 19, 1885. He also obtained a good public school education. He was united in marriage with Golda Long, June 29, 1905. He is the owner of a news stand in the city, doing good business. He is also the interurban ticket agent. He is a member of the First Reformed Church in the city. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church. To them is born

a. Anna Louise, Feb. 28, 1906, (Sixth Generation).

(J). Abraham Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

No record could be found of his birth and death, likely about 1856.

(K.) Frederick Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), died 28 days old.

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John Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

John was the second son of Rey. David Baumgartner by his third wife, Barbara Steiner. He was born in Buderichgraben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary Canton Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 3, 1810. He died of kidney trouble June 5, 1888 in Berne, Ind. He was married to Katharina Amstutz, of Sigriswyl, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 16, 1833 at Souboz. She was born Feb. 2, 1814, and died Feb. 26, 1891 in Berne, Ind., from results of the grip. They moved to America, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1835; and then to French township, Adams Co., Ind., one and a half mile east of Vera Cruz, Ind., Oct. 20, 1839. Here he had bought a quarter section of heavy timber land. Later he sold twenty acres to his brother Samuel. Here they remained and raised their large family, until 1882, when the farm was sold, and a small one was bought near Linn Grove, Ind. They lived here until 1887, when they sold out and bought property in Berne, where they lived the rest of their days. They were both robust, affable in disposition, helpful in their attitude to neighbors, industrious in work, economic in their habits, faithful to the Mennonite Church, of which they were members. They were of medium bight, somewhat corpulent, but most of their children grew head and shoulder above them, one son reaching a height of six feet six and one-half inches, and a number considerable over the average in weight and physical strength. Seventeen children were born to them, as follows:—

(A). David Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

David was born in Switzerland, Mar. 7, 1834, and died an infant.

(B). Maria Anna Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Maria A. was born May 6, 1835, and died an infant.

(C). John J. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Carpenter and Farmer.

John J. entered the pathway of life in Wayne Co., O., June 18, 1836. His educational advantages were meager in his boyhood days. He was reared on the farm. When of age he learned and followed the carpenter trade, and became a master in it. For a life companion he chose Rosina Horn, of Meximo, Ohio, to whom he was

married Sept. 9, 1862. She was born March 27, 1842. He was a member of the Mennonite Church at the time of his marriage, but she belonged to the Reformed Church. This fact necessitated him to confess to the Church that he ought not to have married a woman not a member of his church, or be excluded from the fold. He confessed and kept the woman and remained a member of the church. But later however they both realized the need of a change of heart, and under the preaching of ministers of the Evangelical Association at Linn Grove, they were led to conversion to God, and forthwith united with the Ev. Association, of which he remained a faithful member until death. He held various important Church offices, as class leader, exhorter, trustee and was an active worker in the Sunday-school. He always exerted a noble Christian influence in his community and society to which he belonged and over the entire Vera Cruz circuit. He was of a patient, loving and unassuming disposition, industrious, frugal and neighborly in his habits. He fell a prey to the ravages of Bright's disease Feb. 11, 1894. In stature he was tall and slender built. By trade he was a carpenter, but in later life made farming his chief occupation until death. One summer day, in the early seventies, a terrific jumping cyclone swooped down upon his house on the farm, and tore it all to pieces, also the orchard. His sister Katharina Ellenberger lived in it at the time, and had one child killed. John at this time lived in Linn Grove, following exclusively carpenter work. The following children are the fruits of this union, viz:—

1. Levi Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Decatur, Ind., (Surveyor).

Levi came upon the scene of action in Adams Co., Ind., Oct. 16, 1863. Aside from common school he had the privilege of attending Normal school at Decatur. His profession was that of public school teaching for the greater part of twenty years. For a time he taught in the graded schools of Berne and Linn Grove. He also for a while clerked in stores in Berne and Elwood. At this writing he is County Surveyor of Adams Co., Ind., to which office he was elected for the second term by the Democratic party. Prior to his election he attended the Civil engineering school at Angola, Ind., to fit himself more fully for the work. In early life he was converted to God and united with the Evangelical Association. A new epoch in life came to him, when he took unto himself Lillian Studebaker as wife, Apr. 6, 1887. His wife was born near Vera Cruz, Ind., Aug. 3, 1866. She was reared in the "New Light Christian Faith," but later united with the Ev. Association. To them were born:

a. Bessie M. Baumgartner, (Sixth Generation).

Bessie M. was born in Berne, Ind., June 6, 1888. She is enjoying good school privileges. She is a member of the Evangelical Association.

b. Chester I. Baumgartner, (Sixth Generation).

Chester I. was born Aug. 19, 1889, in Berne, Ind. He took sick with tuberculosis, and after an illness of a few months died July 28, 1906. He was a bright boy, highly esteemed by his friends. He was converted at the age of eleven, and joined the Evangelical Association, in Linn Grove, Ind., and was active in the church and Sunday-school. He was secretary of the S. S. He lies buried in the Six Mile Church cemetery east of Bluffton, Ind.

c. Clyde R. Baumgartner, (Sixth Generation), Decatur, Ind.

Clyde was born in Berne, Ind., Mar. 9, 1891. He is now in pursuit of an education.

d. Pearl R. Baumgartner, (Sixth Generation), Decatur, Ind.

Pearl was born in Elwood, Ind., Oct. 22, 1893. She is now getting an education.

e. John A. Baumgartner, (Sixth Generation), Decatur, Ind.

John A. was born in Elwood, Ind. Dec. 16, 1894, and is now pursuing his school work.

2. Caroline Baumgartner, Meshberger, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind.

Caroline began her journey of life Dec. 18, 1864, near Linn Grove, Ind. She obtained a common school education. Early in life she experienced the regeneration of heart, and became identified with the Evangelical Association in Linn Grove, of which she is still a worthy member. She entered the matrimonial life with John Meshberger, Oct. 29, 1891, Rev. J. H. Evans officiated at the wedding. He was born a mile north of Linn Grove. His education is limited. He is farming his farm two miles northwest of Linn Grove. He also was converted and united with her church. Their home is graced with three daughters, all born near Linn Grove, Ind., viz:—

a. Clista, May 27, 1892. (Sixth Generation).

b. Tressie, Aug. 2, 1894. " " "

c. Flossie, Nov. 12, 1899. " " "

3. Henry Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Henry was born in 1866, and died an infant.

4 and 5. Edward H. and Edwin Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind. •

Edward and Edwin were born Aug. 12, 1868, near Linn Grove, Ind. Edwin died an infant. Edward enjoyed good common school privileges, and he also enjoyed the privilege of attending the Valparaiso and Angola Normal Schools of Indiana. He taught school successfully for ten terms. He is now making a splendid success of farming the homestead. Like the rest of the children he received early Christian training. He was converted to God at the age of fourteen, and united with the Evangelical Association at Linn Grove, Ind., where he is a consistent and active worker in the church. He has graced the office of Class leader, S. S. Supt., and Trustee of the church. For two years he has served very acceptably as township S. S. Supt., of French township, in which he takes a deep interest. He is a highly respected citizen, republican in politics and exerts a strong uplifting and educative influence among his fellowmen. He has thus far preferred the single path of life.

6. John M. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

John M. began his earthly life near Linn Grove, Ind., Oct. 4, 1869. He also received a good common school education, and enjoyed Normal school privileges. He taught public school for a number of terms. When quite young he was converted to God and united with the Evangelical Association, of which he remained a consistent member until death, caused by erysipelas Mar. 22, 1891.

7. Albert Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Albert was born near Linn Grove, in 1870 and died 9 months old.

8. Prof. Dr. A. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Decatur, Indiana.

Daniel A. started his pilgrimage on earth near Linn Grove, Ind., Nov. 22, 1871. Aside from a good common school training, he obtained a Normal Course of education at Valparaiso, Ind. He then followed public school teaching for a number of years. Then he entered journalistic work as editor of the Vanburen, Ind., weekly paper, and edited the same with ability and general satisfaction to the public. Meanwhile he entered matrimonial life with Amelia Huffman, of near Linn Grove, Ind., Sept. 5, 1896, with whom he lived

happily, until death unexpectedly separated them, Feb. 8, 1901. After her death he quit journalism, returned to Linn Grove, and again taught school. During the summer of 1905, he entered Bloomington State University, making "German" and "Algebra" a specialty. He is now engaged as professor in these branches in the Decatur High School, where he teaches with great acceptability. He also early in life became identified with the Evangelical Association of which he is still a member. In politics he is republican. The following children were born to them:—

- a. Cleo, Jan. 26, 1898. (Sixth Generation.)
died July 22, 1900.
- b. Herbert H., Dec. 8, 1899. " "

9. Leonhard Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation.)

Leonhard was born in 1873, and died 21 days old.

10. Emma Baumgartner, Rohn, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind.

Emma made her appearance in life near Linn Grove, Ind., Dec. 18, 1875. She obtained a good common school education. She was converted to God in her youth, and united with the Evangelical Association at Linn Grove, Ind. She is a dressmaker. She gave her hand as wife to Leander Rohn, of Linn Grove, Ind., Jan. 9, 1906. He was born..... His vocation is.....

11. Noah A. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation). Photographer. Rockford, Ohio.

Noah A. began the trials of life Dec. 18, 1877, near Linn Grove, Ind. Aside from a good common schooling, he also received Normal School training at Angola, Steuben Co., Ind. He taught two terms of public school. To share the "ups and downs" of life he chose Fanny Stuckey, of Linn Grove, Ind. They were married Apr. 10, 1904, by Rev..... She was born two miles northwest of Linn Grove, Jan. 14, 1880. He was converted to God in the Evangelical Association at Linn Grove, Ind.; but both are now, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rockford, Ohio. He is a photographer by occupation in Rockford, doing a profitable business. To them is born.

- (a). Lucile Stuckey, born July 13, 1906, (Sixth Generation).

12. Mary Baumgartner Opliger, (Fifth Generation), Decatur, Indiana.

Mary started on her earthly journey Dec. 12, 1879, near Linn Grove, Ind. Besides common schools she also attended the Normal

School at Angola, Ind. She has taught several terms of school, with admirable success. Her social ways have made her many friends. She was converted to God when quite young and united with the Ev. Association, at Linn Grove, and took an active part in church work. She was married to Lawrence E. Opliger, of Linn Grove, Feb. 8, 1906, at 6 P. M. at the home of her mother. Rev. Edw. Greiner, of Linn Grove Cir. of the Ind. Conf. of the Ev. Asso. tied the nuptial knot. A few weeks before this event, her husband was elected as County Supt. of public schools of Adams Co., Ind. He is an active educator of the rising generation, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-teachers. They now live in the county seat of Decatur.

13. William Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

William was born in 1881, and died 21 days old.

14. Ida Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind.

Ida's trials of life began near Linn Grove, Ind., Dec. 6, 1882. Besides common schools she also attended the Normal School at Angola, Ind. She has taught three years of school with marked success. She was converted to God early in life and has since been active in the Evangelical Church of Linn Grove.

15. Charles C. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Indiana.

Charles C. was born near Linn Grove, May 12, 1887. He is a graduate of the district school. He also is a member of the Ev. Asso. at Linn Grove, Ind. In the summer he assists his brother Edw. on the farm of their mother. He is now a public school teacher in Berne, Ind.

(D). Maria Ann Baumgartner, Kirchhofer, (Fourth Generation).

Maria A. (her name is the same as her oldest sister who died), began the shifting scenes of life Aug. 1837, in Wayne Co., O. In early life she became a member of the Mennonite Church. Her educational privileges were limited. House-work, spinning and weaving was largely her occupation while at home. She was married to Abraham Kirchhofer May 14, 1864. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Uli Kipfer, of French township, Adams Co., Ind., who was then a minister of the Mennonite Church. Her husband was born Jan. 28, 1843. First they lived in Wayne Co., O. In the spring of 1881 they moved to Missouri and lived on a farm until her peaceful death in Jan. 1883. She was a devoted mother to her family, lived a godly life, and always taught her children how to bear the most precious fruits. Her life was indelibly impressed upon the minds of her children, and all follow her example, for they all belong to churches and try to

serve God and humanity. Their children were all born in Wayne Co., O., as follows:—

1. Sarah Kirchhofer, Reusser, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Sarah was born Apr. 26, 1865. She enjoyed common school privileges. As a young woman she united with the Mennonite Church. She entered marriage life with William Reusser Feb. 7, 1886. He was born near Berne, Ind., Aug. 7, 1864. They are active members in their Church in Berne. His occupation is dairy farming. Their home is made happy with the following children, all born in Berne, Ind.:—

a. Ada,	Nov. 5, 1886.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Elmer,	May 26, 1888.	" "
c. Ohmer,	Dec. 17, 1889.	" "
d. Emma,	Dec. 17, 1890.	" "
e. Mahala,	Dec. 2, 1892.	" "
f. Chlista,	Apr. 7, 1894.	" "
g. Herman,	Jun. 1, 1900.	" "
	died Apr. 20, 1901.	

2. John Kirchhofer, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind. Carpenter.

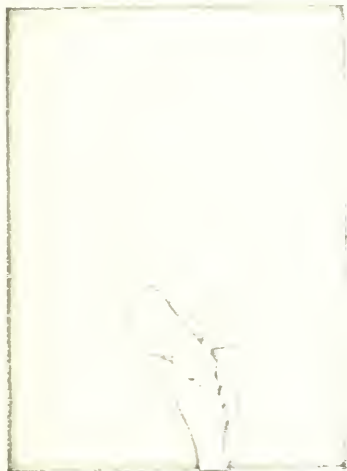
John entered the conflicts in life July 31, 1866. He only had the opportunity to attend common schools. He entered upon the voyage of matrimonial life with Lydia P. Lehman, Sept. 13, 1891, Rev. S. F. Sprunger uniting them in marriage. They are both respected members in the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind. He united with the Church July 26, 1885. He is a carpenter by trade, in which he is quite successful. He has a small farm on which they live, one mile west of Berne. Their union is blessed with the following children, all born near Berne:—

a. Erwin,	Sept. 29, 1892.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Della,	Sept. 25, 1893.	" "
c. Louisa,	July 5, 1896.	" "
d. Cora,	Apr. 5, 1898.	" "
e. Albert,	Dec. 8, 1900.	" "
f. Lillie,	Oct. 22, 1902.	" "
g. Tilman,	Apr. 3, 1905.	" "
h.	Infant born and died same day Jan. 17, 1907.	

3. William Kirchhofer, (Fifth Generation), Berne Ind. Painter.

William's life dates from Dec. 13, 1867. He also only had a common school education. He is still single and resides in Berne, Ind. He is a painter by trade. He is also a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind.

4. Joel G. Kirchhofer, (Fifth Generation), Chicago, Ill., Book binder.



Joel G. Kirchhofer.

Joel stepped upon the scene of action, Dec. 8, 1868. He made the best of his common school privileges. Early in life he was thrown upon his own resources for a living. He learned book binding, which trade he is now following. For a number of years he worked at this trade in Berne, Ind., then in the Ft. Wayne book bindery, owned by Joel Welty, but since about 1900 he continued his trade in a Chicago book bindery. He has studious habits of life. His religious convictions and love for a pure religion is strong. These facts concerning him came under the observation of the writer of this sketch while he frequently went in and out in

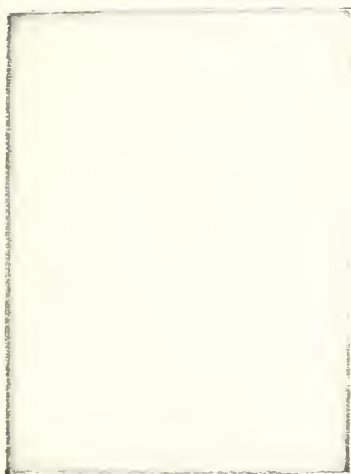
his home and church during his pastorate in the Bethel Church of the Evangelical Asso, in Ft. Wayne, Ind. His amiable disposition won him Bertha Warner, of Chicago, as life companion, Oct. 4, 1902. She was born July 11, 1880. He united with the Mennonite Church when seventeen years old. He is now a member of the Moody Institute in Chicago. They have as a fruit of their union:—

- a. Arvella Evangeline, July 16, 1903, (Sixth Generation).

5. David Kirchhofer, (Fifth Generation), Roanoke, Kansas.

David began the shifting scenes of life Sept. 25, 1870. He seems to be possessed of a spirit that loves variety of environments. Leaving his native land, he spent four years in the great North West, two years in Dakota working on a horse ranch, for a while he worked in a lumber camp in northern Wisconsin, then he worked in Duluth, Minn., where he also was converted to God in Bethel mission in 1901. In 1904 he was in Oklahoma working in a cement factory. He was the wandering boy in the family, but his mother's counsel and prayers followed him, until he yielded to the call unto salvation. May he continue in this way. He only has a common school education. He is yet single. He now has a farm near Roanoke, Kansas.

6. Maria Matilda Kirchhofer, (Fifth Generation). Fore-lady,
Berne, Ind.



Maria Matilda Kirchhofer.

Maria M. commenced her earthly career Dec. 22, 1871. She received a common school education. Thus far she has journeyed life's pathway alone. She is a member of the Berne Mennonite Church, and is held in high esteem. She is industrious in her occupation, and has earned the position as fore-lady in the "Berne Overall Manufacturing Co.," where she has labored for a goodly number of years.

7. Albert Amos Kirchhofer,
(Fifth Generation).

Merchant, Berne, Ind.

Albert A. began his pathway of life Mar. 4, 1873. Like the rest, he only had a common school education. For his life companion he chose Emma Hüser, of near Berne. They were married April 30, 1899, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. She was born Feb. 20, 1878. He united with the



Albert Amos Kirchhofer.

Mennonite Church in Berne in 1893. She is also a member of the same Church. He is a harness maker by trade, and launched out as harness merchant in 1898, in the town of Berne, where he did a profitable business. He sold his business in Oct. 1905. But in Oct. 1906 he again opened a harness shop. In 1904 he became a member of the town council of Berne. The following children are the joy of their home:—

- a. Rufus, Feb. 22, 1903. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Florence, Mar. 25, 1905. " "

8. Elias E. Kirchhofer, (Fifth Generation). Carpenter and Assessor.

Elias E. began the course of this life, Dec. 26, 1874. Not believing that it is good for man to be alone, he wooed Ida Nusbaum, who became his wife Dec. 31, 1896. She was born Sept. 18, 1875, in Wayne Co., Ohio. They are both esteemed members of the Mennonite Church of the Gen. Conf. in Wayne Co., O. His general occupation is carpentering. In 1904 he was also Assessor of Sugar Creek township, of Wayne Co., O. Aside from attending common school, he also had the opportunity of attending the "Angola Normal School," in Steuben Co., Ind. Their home has been blessed with the following children:—

- a. Wilma Diette, Oct. 5, 1897. (Sixth Generation).
 - b. Melvin Lester, Mar. 17, 1899. " "
 - c. Ellis Glen, May 4, 1901. " "
 - d. Ethel Elvina, July 6, 1903. " "
 - e. Claio Daniel, Feb. 5, 1906. " "
9. A daughter unnamed was born Oct. 16, 1876 and death unknown.

(E). Abraham Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation). Carpenter.

Abraham's earthly career dates from Nov. 24, 1838, born in Wayne Co., O. With his parents he moved to Ind. in 1839. He chose for his life companion Caroline Ellenberger June 15, 1864. She was born in Mt. Eaton, Ohio, He died in consciousness of salvation, Aug. 14, 1898, resulting from dropsy and other complications. Some time after marriage he was converted to God and joined the Mennonite Church, of which he remained a faithful member until his demise. He filled the office of an elder in the Church for six years. His educational advantages were meager owing to poor schools. He was a good singer and also taught vocal music for a while. He was an excellent carpenter, but he also was a practical farmer. Throughout the country, where he followed his trade, he was soon known to be the champion in physical strength, and frequent amusing episodes occurred at raisings of barns and houses, for when the buildings were up, attempts were frequently made to hoist him up from the ground, and carry him around the raised building, but generally failed. He also did considerable clearing of timber, and would often carry logs to log-heaps, that would have tried the strength of two and three men together. It was often said that he had strength like a horse. No doubt he often overtaxed his colossal strength, and this helped to break him down prematurely. He was about six feet and six inches high, weighed about two hundred pounds. In disposition he was cheerful and unassuming, in habits of life he

was industrious and economical. He first owned a farm on the right bank of the Wabash river, about three miles below Linn Grove, of which the island was a part. Later he sold it, and bought a larger one about four miles N. W. of Berne, where he died. His widow now lives in Berne, Ind. The following children were born to them, all in Adams Co., Ind.

1. Josephine Baumgartner, Wittwer, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Josephine first saw the light of this world June 11, 1865. She only had common school privileges. In her girlhood days she united with the Mennonite church. She became the wife of Christian Wittwer. Sept. 11, 1887, Rev. S. F. Sprunger tied the nuptial knot. He was born June 24, 1857, in Wayne Co., O. He is a carpenter by trade. They are now both members of the Mennonite Church in Berne, Adams Co., Ind., where they live on a farm. The fruit of their union is as follows:—

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| a. Aldina, | June 22, 1888. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. Noah, | Oct. 4, 1889. | " " |
| c. Sarah, | Feb. 22, 1891. | " " |
| d. Edward, | Sept. 23, 1892. | " " |
| e. Otto, | Sept. 3, 1894. | " " |
| f. Amos, | Mar. 11, 1896. | " " |
| g. Adolph, | Nov. 5, 1897. | " " |
| h. Albert, | Dec. 14, 1899. | " " |
| i. Edna, | Dec. 20, 1901. | " " |
| j. Levi, | Jan. 13, 1904. | " " |
| k. Jessie, | Jan. 24, 1906. | " " |

2. Matilda Baumgartner, Sprunger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Matilda arrived in this world Dec. 16, 1866. Her educational advantages were only common schools. Levi Sprunger received her hand for a life companion, Oct. 16, 1887. He was born Nov. 7, 1863. They were married in the Mennonite Church in Berne, of which they are esteemed members, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. They reside in Berne where he is co-partner of the "Sprunger, Lehman and Co." dry-goods store. The following children came to their home, all born in Berne, Ind.

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| a. Alina, | Oct. 22, 1888. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. Grover, | July 27, 1890. | " " |
| c. Lydia, | Feb. 13, 1892. | " " |
| d. Harry, | Mar. 28, 1894. | " " |
| e. Leona, | Aug. 14, 1897. | " " |

3. Edward Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Edward was born April 9, 1868, and died 9 days old.

4. Louisa Ann Baumgartner, Winteregg, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Louisa commenced her earthly pilgrimage Jan. 28, 1870. She only attended common school. On Jan. 18, 1891 she became the wife of David Winteregg. The wedding act was performed by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, in the Mennonite Church in Berne, to which they both belong. He began life July 17, 1862. They live three miles north of Berne on a farm. Their home is blessed with the following fruits of their union, all born near Berne, Ind.

a. Caroline, Oct. 15, 1881. (Sixth Generation).

died twelve days old.

b. Elmer, Sept. 1, 1892. " "

c. Homar, Oct. 2, 1894. " "

d. Cora, May 21, 1898. " "

e. Bertha, Jan. 25, 1900. " "

f. Elda, May 13, 1903. " "

5. Mary Ellen Baumgartner, Nussbaum, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Mary E. started the pathway of life May 17, 1872. She has a common school education. She took the marriage vow with John Nusbaum, Aug. 16, 1891, before Rev. S. F. Sprunger. He was born Nov. 5, 1864, near Berne, Ind. They are respected members of the Mennonite Church, in Berne. They live on their farm one mile north of Berne. Their home is made happy with the following children, all born near Berne.

a. Cora, Feb. 22, 1892. (Sixth Generation).

died, Sept. 12, 1894.

b. Franklin, Mar. 30, 1893. " "

c. Sylvester, Apr. 12, 1894. " "

d. Metta, Apr. 26, 1895. " "

e. Alfred, Nov. 14, 1896. " "

f. Elda, Feb. 9, 1898. " "

g. Edwin, May 2, 1899. " "

h. Wilbert, Aug. 10, 1900. " "

i. Bernhard, Feb. 2, 1902. " "

j. Albert, Mar. 25, 1903. " "

k. Victor, Nov. 25, 1904. " "

l. John, June 1, 1906. " "

m. Hiram, Dec. 4, 1907. " "

6. Ida Aldina Baumgartner, Nusbaum, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Ida A. began her earthly pilgrimage Mar. 23, 1874. She attended common school only. She became the wife of Peter Nusbaum Jan. 20, 1895, Rev. S. F. Sprunger solemnizing the wedding act. Both are acceptable members of the Mennonite Church at Berne, Ind. He was born Feb. 16, 1867, near Berne, Ind. They live two and one-half miles north of Berne. The following children have issued from this union, all born near Berne, viz:—

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| a. Della, | Oct. 12, 1895. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. Rufus, | Jan. 31, 1897. | “ “ |
| c. Henry, | Dec. 20, 1897. | “ “ |
| d. Martha, | Dec. 18, 1898. | “ “ |
| e. Walter, | July 13, 1900. | “ “ |
| | died, Aug. next. | |
| f. Caroline, | July 1, 1904. | “ “ |

7. Emma Frances Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Emma F. began her pathway of life Oct. . . ., 1876. She only attended common school. She is also a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind. She is yet single, and stays at home with mother doing housework.

8. Albert William Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Albert W. began the encouragements and discouragements of life July 5, 1879. He has a common school education. He is a farmer by occupation. He entered matrimonial life with Matilda Meshberger Dec. 22, 1900. She was born April 9, 1875, in Adams Co., Ind., near Vera Cruz. She died July 18, 1901, of consumption, leaving no children. He was married the second time in California to Dora Sprunger, (a daughter of Rev. S. F. Sprunger), Nov. 14, 1903. They are both members of the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., having returned to Ind. They live on his father's homestead about three miles N. W. of Berne. She was born Oct. 21, 1879. The following children have come to their home:—

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| a. Ornell Ried, | Oct. 2, 1904. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. Kenneth Walden, | Nov. 11, 1906. | “ “ |

9. and 10. Noah A. and Caroline May Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Noah A. and Caroline May were born July 10, 1881. N's abode on earth was brief, departing from the family circle May 6, 1883.

Sister C. grew up to womanhood, and received a common school education. She is also a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind. She was married to Noah Augsburger, Sept. 1, 1904. He was born Jan. 27, 1880. They live four miles west of Berne, on his father's place. To them is born:—

- a. A boy still-born, Aug. 9, 1905. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Palmer Maxwell, Oct. 23, 1907. " "

11. Samuel Ludwig Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Samuel L. entered the pathway of life, Nov. 20, 1883. He has a common school education. He also is a member of the Mennonite Church, in Berne, Ind. He is a day laborer, and is still traveling the single path of life.

(F). Katharina Baumgartner, Ellenberger, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Katharina took up her trials in this life Jan. 10, 1840, in French township, Adams county, Indiana. Her educational opportunities were very limited. When a young woman she became identified with the Mennonite Church. She was united in marriage with Henry Ellenberger, Oct. 31, 1867 by John McConnel, of Decatur, Ind., Clerk of Adams Co. He was born Mar. 25, 1842, in Mt. Eaton, Ohio. They now live on a farm about four miles N. W. of Berne. When they lived on her brother John's place two miles N. W. of Linn Grove, Ind., a cyclone leaped down upon the house and tore it to pieces, killing one child. The following named children were born to them in Adams Co., Ind., and only received a country school education, viz:—

1. Sarah Ellenberger, Beer, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Sarah was born Mar. 4, 1868. She began the pathway of marriage life with Christian Beer, Dec. 9, 1888. Rev. S. F. Sprunger united them in the marriage bonds. He was born Aug. 30, 1866. They are both respected members of the Reformed Church in Berne, Ind. They live on a farm four miles north of Berne. Their children were all born in Adams Co., Ind., as follows:—

- a. Harvey, Dec. 20, 1889. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Lovina, Mar. 3, 1891. " "
- c. Caroline, Oct. 8, 1892. " "
- d. Della, } June 25, 1894. " "
- e. Lillie, }
- f. Rufina, Apr. 15, 1896. " "
- g. Dora, Apr. 25, 1897. " "

h. Erwin,	Jan. 11, 1899.	(Sixth Generation).
i. Rosali,	Sept. 15, 1900.	" "
j. Jesse.	Aug. 6, 1902.	" "
k. Edna,		" "
l Elmer,		" "

2. Albert Ellenberger, (Fifth Generation).

Albert was born May 30, 1869, and died, resulting from a cyclone that tore down the house, April 15, 1871.

3. William E. Ellenberger, (Fifth Generation).

William E. first saw the light of this world Dec. 15, 1871. - On Aug. 18, 1892, he joined hand with Lydia Nusbaum in marriage. He followed farming five miles N. W. of Berne. On Apr. 26, 1899 he was summoned into the great beyond. He was a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne. She was born..... To this union were born four children, as follows:—

a. Harvey,	Dec. 27, 1892.	(Sixth Generation)
b. Clara,	Mar. 16, 1894.	" "
c. George,	Oct. 13, 1895.	" "
d. Cora,	Jan. 19, 1897.	" "

4 Joel Ellenberger, (Fifth Generation), Geneva, Ind.

Joel was born Mar. 20, 1872. He was married to Olive Lillie Flory, Sept. 3, 1904 by Rev. E. H. Vornholt of the Reformed Church in Berne. She was born Nov. 6, 1887 in Berne, Ind. They now live in Geneva, Ind. To them are born in Berne, Ind.

a. Opal,	Apr. 17, 1905.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Floyd,	May 21, 1906.	" "
c. Girl,	Dec. 18, 1907.	" "

5. Amos Ellenberger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind. Butcher.

Amos began the earthly life Aug. 30, 1873. He was married to Delia Flory in 1898 by Rev. E. H. Vornholt, of the Reformed Church in Berne. She was born July 13, 1881, in Berne, Ind. They united with the Mennonite Church in Berne, March 1906. They live in Berne, where he is in partnership with his brother Noah since the winter of 1903, in an up-to-date meat merchant business. In 1908 he bought a butcher shop in Geneva, Ind. To them are born in Berne, Ind.:

a. Jesse,	June 25, 1902.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Leona,	Oct. 26, 1903.	" "
c. Herman,	Apr. 10, 1905.	" "
d. Merlin,	Dec. 24, 1906.	" "

6. Caroline Ellenberger, Schenbeck, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Caroline entered the arena of life Jan. 1, 1875. She took the marriage vow with David Schenbeck, Oct. 26, 1896. He was introduced to the trials of life Apr. 6, 1872. She is a member of the Evangelical Church in Berne. He departed this life.....leaving wife and the following two children:—

- a. Lorena, Sept. 6, 1897. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Erma, Feb. 25, 1899. " "

7. Noah Ellenberger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind. Butcher.

Noah's introduction to this world took place Jan. 14, 1876. In 1898 he was in the harness business for a short time with Amos Kirchhofer; but is now also in the meat business with his brother Amos. He is a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne. He entered the matrimonial life with Leah Luginbill Oct. 16, 1904, and resides in Berne. According to latest account three children are born to them, namely:—

- a. Goldie, Sept. 19, 1905. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Joyce L. Aug. 19, 1906. " "
- c. Flossie, July 17, 1908. " "

8. Mary J. Ellenberger, Liddy, (Fifth Generation), Petroleum, Wells Co., Ind.

Mary J. first saw the light of this world Aug. 20, 1877. She worked out as private servant girl in Bluffton, Ind., until she gave her hand in marriage to John W. Liddy, of Petroleum, Wells Co., Ind., Sept. 21, 1905. Rev. Ewd. Greiner, of the Evangelical Church at Linn Grove, Ind., tied the nuptial knot. His vocation is black-smithing in Petroleum where they now live.

9 and 10. Henry A. and Rosie Ellenberger, (Fifth Generation). Twins.

Henry and Rosie were born Dec. 20, 1878. Rosie died two days later. Henry has grown up to manhood. His vocation is farming. He was united in marriage with Lizzie Moser, Nov. 9, 1905. She was born Sept. 17, 1884. They have one child:—

- a. Arlie, Nov. 6, 1906. (Sixth Generation).

11. Katie Ellenberger, Studler, (Fifth Generation).

Katie was born to the alternations of life July 1, 1881. She is a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne. She was married to F. W. Studler, Jan. 5, 1905. He is a farmer near Linn Grove, Indiana.

The following children are born to them:—

- a. Frieda M., Oct. 8, 1905. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Mable M., Dec. 7, 1906. " "

12. Rosa Ellenberger, Steiner, (Fifth Generation).

Rosa began the tribulations of life June 7, 1885. She became married to Ferdinand Steiner on May 7, 1908, Rev. H. H. Kattmann, of the Reformed Church at Berne, Ind., performing the ceremony. They now live in Geneva, Indiana, where he is conducting a meat market.

(G). Barbara Ann Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Barbara A. was born 1841, and died 18 years old of typhoid fever.

(H). Maria Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Maria was born in 1842, and died the same year. This girl was named after her oldest sister who died in infancy.

(I). Elizabeth Baumgartner, Augsburgers, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Elizabeth was born in French township, Adams Co., Ind., Dec. 10, 1843. Like the rest of her sisters she had a limited opportunity for an education, but had to do housework, sewing, spinning, weaving, etc. She was united in marriage to Christian Augsburgers near Linn Grove, Ind., Jan. 21, 1869. He was born June 3, 1843. They lived on a farm about one mile north of Linn Grove, where their children were born. She was a member of the Mennonite Church for some years, and he of the Amish; but later they united with the Defenseless Mennonite Church, four miles west of Berne. To them were born the following children, who only had opportunity to attend country schools.

1. Rosa Augsburgers, who died in infancy.
2. Anna Augsburgers, Meshberger, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind.

Anna was born Apr. 30, 1870. She was married to Ed. Meshberger, of near Linn Grove, Ind., July 27, 1893. He was born Aug. 6, 1857. He is a farmer. They are members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church. They live on their farm one mile north of Linn Grove, where their children were born as follows:—

- a. Esther, May 31, 1894. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Elmer, Nov. 9, 1896. " "
- c. Ezra, Aug. 20, 1898. " "
- d. Raymon, Aug. 30, 1900. " "
- e. Christian, Dec. 23, 1902. " "
- f. Pearly, Feb. 13, 1904. " "
- g. Homer, Mar. 22, 1906. " "

3. John Augsburg, (Fifth Generation).

John was born Jan. 7, 1872 and died Aug. 7, 1872.

4. Emma Augsburg, Bieberstein, (Fifth Generation), Linn Grove, Ind.

Emma began her trials of life July 11, 1873. She was married to Adam Bieberstein, near Linn Grove, Ind., Nov. 25, 1902. He was born May 13, 1874. He is a farmer by occupation. She is a member of the Defenseless Mennonite Church. The following is the fruit of their union:—

- a. Nona, Aug. 16, 1903. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Lloyd, Nov. 11, 1904. " "
- c. Verna, May 31, 1906. " "

5. Samuel Augsburg, (Fifth Generation), Carpenter.

Samuel began the shifting scenes of life Dec. 20, 1875. He is yet single. He is a carpenter by trade.

6. Adam Augsburg, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind., Laborer.

Adam entered life's activities Sept. 5, 1877. He is yet single.

7. Jephtha Augsburg, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Jephtha entered this life Mar. 3, 1880. He has been following the carpenter trade for a number of years. He wooed and won the heart of Sadie Ashbaucher, of French township, Adams Co., and was married to her Feb. 6, 1907, by the pastor of the Reformed Church, at Vera Cruz, Ind. They now reside west of Linn Grove. She was born May 6, 1882, and is a member of the Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, Ind. One child is born to them:—

- a. Robert Clark, July 26, 1907. (Sixth Generation).

8. Elias Augsburg, (Fifth Generation).

Elias entered the arena of time, Feb. 24, 1882. He is farming. He was married to his wife Emma Wanner, June 29, 1905. She was born Oct. 18, 1887. To them are born:—

- a. Dorothy Opal, Aug. 18, 1906. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Marcella Festena, Mar. 1908. " "

9. Joel Augsburg, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind., R. F. D.

Joel entered the temporal life Mar. 3, 1884. He is a farmer near Geneva, Ind. He was married to his wife Ida Stuckey April 14, 1906. She was born Oct. 19, 1886. They have one child:

- a. Sylvanus Garold, July 24, 1908. (Sixth Generation).

10. Christian Augsburg, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Christian started the earthly career on a national holiday, the 4th of July, 1886. He is a day laborer.

11. Edward Augsburg, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Edward commenced his journey of life Oct. 29, 1888, and is a teamster.

(J). Joel Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., O.

Joel began the earthly life in French township, Adams Co., Ind., May 20, 1845. His educational opportunities were limited to common schools. When he became of age he followed the carpenter trade. Physically he grew up to a large portly man weighing considerably over 200 pounds. Not wishing to travel the path of life singlehanded he chose Christina Thut, of Holmes Co., Ohio, for a life companion in 1871. She was born in Holmes Co., Apr. 10, 1848. They are both highly respected members of the Mennonite Church where they live. He is well to-do, runs a large farm very successfully. The issue of this union consists of the following children:—

1. John Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., O., Engineer.

John entered this life in Allen Co., Ohio, Nov. 16, 1871. He enjoyed good common school privileges. He is an engineer by occupation. He entered matrimonial life with Sarah Stutzman, Feb. 13, 1898, Rev. John Blosser solemnized the wedding act. They are respectable members of the Mennonite Church where they live. To them are born in Hancock Co.,

- a. Gaius, Apr. 22, 1899. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Merle, Aug. 24, 1900 " "
- c. Girl, May. 19, 1902. " "
Died May 31, 1902.
- d. Son, Dec. 26, 1903. " "
Died two days later.

2. Moses E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., Ohio.

Moses E. began the struggle of life, May 23, 1873. His school privileges were confined to rural schools. He also is a member of the Mennonite Church. He follows farming. He is yet single.

3. Henry Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Henry was born Apr. 30, 1875, and died Aug. 4, 1876.

4. Ezra Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., Ohio.

Ezra commenced this earthly life Apr. 17, 1877. He obtained a good common school education. His occupation is farming. He is also a member of the Mennonite Church. He started on his matrimonial voyage with Isabella Folz, Sept. 23, 1903. Rev E. S. Keller tied the nuptial knot. He lost his wife by death Sept. 2, 1905. To them was born a daughter,

- a. Elizabeth May, May 10, 1905. (Sixth Generation).

5. Elnora Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., Ohio., Nurse.

Elnora entered upon her journey of life Apr. 20, 1878. She obtained a good education. She is making her life count as a professional nurse. She is an honored member of the Mennonite Church.

6. Raymond Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Masontown, Penn.

Raymond entered the arena of life Jan. 6, 1881. Aside from a good common school education he also enjoyed the privilege of attending the Mennonite College for several terms, then located in Elkhart, Ind. He was married to Elizabeth Hausaker, of Penn., Dec. 17, 1902, by Airon Laucks. Time of her birth was not reported to the writer. He is farming in Masontown, Penn. They are members of the Mennonite Church. To them is born,

- a. Sarah Clova, June 14, 1904. (Sixth Generation).

7. Benjamin F. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., Ohio.

Benjamin F. began the trials of life Dec. 22, 1882. He has availed himself of the opportunity of getting a good education. He is now following teaching. He also is a member of the Mennonite Church, and is yet single.

8. Harry Henry Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., Ohio.

Harry H. appeared upon the shore of time May 26, 1884. He also has availed himself of the privileges of getting a good education. His profession is teaching. He is also identified with the Mennonite Church, and is yet living a single life.

9. Carl Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), New Stark, Hancock Co., Ohio.

Carl entered upon the scene of life Sept. 21, 1886. He received

a fair education. He follows farming. He also is a member of the Mennonite Church.

10. An infant daughter was born Apr. 16, 1888 and died May 8, same year.

(K). Ephraim Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Ephraim began his trip across the sea of life July 25, 1846. He was born in French township, Adams Co., Ind. Like the rest he only had poor country school advantages. He is physically a short and portly man with strong muscles. He was united in marriage with Magdalena Gerber of Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 1, 1872, by Rev. Christian Sommer. He is now a retired farmer, living in Berne, doing odd jobs. She was born in Wayne Co., O., Apr. 7, 1848. He was eighteen and she seventeen when they united with the Mennonite Church. After marriage they first lived on his father's farm in French township. Later they bought a small farm near Linn Grove, Ind., but in the fall of 1885, they sold out and bought a farm southeast of Berne, where they lived until the fall of 1904, when they moved to Berne, Ind. He is also a carpenter, at which trade he worked two years prior to his marriage. This union is blessed with the following children, all born in Adams Co., Ind.

1. Aldina A. Baumgartner, Sprunger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Aldina A. was born into this world Jan. 26, 1874. She received a rural school education. She became a member of the Mennonite Church at the age of fifteen. She was led to the hymenial alter by Gideon Sprunger Nov. 15, 1896, Rev. S. F. Sprunger performing the wedding act. He was born near Berne, Ind., Sept. 6, 1866. His occupation is farming. The following named children are fruits of this union:—

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| a. Gertrude Alvena, | July 11, 1899. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. Maria Magdalena, | Oct. 16, 1900. | " " |
| c. Esther Edna, | June 19, 1902. | " " |
| d. Palmer Ottis, | Feb. 26, 1905. | " " |

2. Noah Aswin Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Noah began the trials of life Dec. 4, 1875. He only attended the rural district schools. He became a member of the Mennonite Church at the age of seventeen. He is employed by the "Gilliom Lumber Co.," in Berne, Ind. Not thinking it best to travel the path of life all the way alone he took to wife Meta Steiner, Jan. 28, 1902. Rev. S. F. Sprunger tied the nuptial knot. She was born in Berne, Ind., Jan. 21, 1882. She is also a member of the Mennonite Church

since April 8, 1898. The following children, born in Berne, have come to their home:—

- a. Ina Dorotha, Dec. 25, 1902. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Estella, Aug. 12, 1905. " "

3. Hirman Henry Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Hiram H. first saw the light of this world Sept. 19, 1877. He only attended the country schools. He united with the Mennonite Church at the age of eighteen. He believed the Scripture that it was not good for man to be alone, so he chose Mollie Sprunger to share his joys and sorrows the 4th day of Oct., 1903. She was born near Berne, Ind., Nov. 5, 1884. She united with the Mennonite Church and was baptized Feb. 9, 1902. He is farming his father-in-law's place, one and a half mile northwest of town. In June 1906 he bought the Peter C. Moser farm. They have two children born in Monroe township, Adams Co., Ind., viz:—

- a. Wilma Aganeta, Mar. 19, 1906. (Sixth Generation.)
- b. July, 1908. " "

4. Manas Milo Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.
Music Teacher.

Manas M. began the realities of the earthly life, Sept. 25, 1879. He has enjoyed, besides rural schools, one year of training in the "Central Mennonite College", at Bluffton, Ohio. He became a member of his parents' Church at the age of 18. He is a proficient carpenter. He is also a great lover of vocal music, and on Jan. 2, 1906 he entered the "Oberlin Conservatory of Music", where he made vocal music a specialty. He also had several terms of vocal training in the C. M. College, at Bluffton, Ohio. He is now the leader of the Male Choir of the Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind., organized nine years ago, which has done the local Christian Endeavor Society great service. Thus far he traveled the path of life alone. He has one-half interest with his father in an up-to-date restaurant in Berne, Ind.

5. Cora Emelia Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Cora E. was born Apr. 25, 1881, and died Aug. 29, 1897.

6. Amanda Saloma Baumgartner, Steiner, (Fifth Generation),
Lima, Ohio.

Amanda S. came upon the arena of life July 2, 1883. She received a common school education. Oscar Steiner, born May 29, 1880, near Berne, Ind., won her heart, and led her to the hymenial altar, May 2, 1905, when by authority of Rev. J. W. Kliever, she was made his wife. She became a member of her parents' Church at

the age of 16. He also is a member of the same church since July 14, 1895. They now reside at Lima, Ohio, where he is working in a Tilercofing Factory. To them are born:—

- a. Carlton Clyde, May 19, 1906 Sixth Generation.
- b. Pearl, Dec. 16, 1907. “ “

7. Leonora May Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Leonora M. was born in 1885, and died an infant.

8. Lillie Ora Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation). Berne, Ind.

Lillie O. began her earthly career Sept. 15, 1887. She has a fair common school education. She united with her parents' Church May 24, 1903.

9. Orva Milton Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Orva M. entered life Apr. 2, 1889. He died the same day.

(L). Mary Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Mary came upon the scene of earthly activities July 10, 1848. She chose to walk the path of life alone. For many years she was the stay and comfort of her parents until their demise. She has been a very successful rag-carpet weaver for over twenty years. She joined the Mennonite church at the age of fifteen, of which she has ever since remained an honored and useful member. She had a home in Berne, Ind. She is generous and kind hearted, and honest in her work. At present she is staying at the Old Peoples Home at Anderson, Indiana, an institution belonging to the Saints.

(M). Benjamin Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Ransom, Ness Co., Kans.

Benjamin entered upon the activities of this life Nov. 1, 1849. His school advantages were very limited. He became a member of the Mennonite Church when a young man. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Thut from Ohio in 1873. But she already died about two years later in February. They lived on his father's farm in French township in Adams Co., Ind. One child was born to them Feb. 11, 1874, and died eight days old. He was married the second time to Mary L. Ummel, June 14, 1883. She was born in Canton Neuenburg, Switzerland. He had a small farm one-half mile N. W. of Linn Grove, Ind., where they lived until he sold out in 1886. Not enjoying good health in Ind., he moved to Kansas and bought a farm near Ransom, Ness Co., Kans., in the year 1887, where they have since lived, and have been respected members of the Mennonite Church. He has been a sufferer for many years with acute headaches, which finally terminated in an impaired mind. He died Apr. 28, 1907 in the hospital after being there but a little over three weeks. Now he

is at rest and in the full enjoyment of all his mental faculties. The following are their children, all born in Ness Co., Kans., except the three oldest, which were born near Linn Grove, Ind.

1. Rufus F. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Rufus F. was born Mar. 10, 1884. He has a common school training. His occupation is farming.

2. Lydia Emma Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Lydia E. started her earthly journey Aug. 17, 1885. She also only attended common district school. Her occupation is house work. She is yet single.

3. Harry Edward Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Harry E. made his appearance in life Feb. 21, 1887. He has a fair common school education. He is a member of the Progressive Christian Church. He also is yet single. Farming is his occupation.

4. Rosa Bertha Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Rosa B. was born Apr. 5, 1889, and has a common school education. She is a member of the Mennonite Church.

5. Hattie Odel Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Hattie O. was born Feb. 17, 1892. Common school is all she could attend.

6. Anna Grace Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Anna G. was born Apr. 5, 1894, and is receiving a common school education.

7. David Philip Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

David P. was born Aug. 29, 1896, and is attending district school.

8. Elma Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Elma was born Apr. 19, 1901, and is just entering upon common school work.

(N). Samuel Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Samuel was born May 9, 1851. His school privileges were ordinary. He was a tall young man 6½ feet, and possessed great strength, and a courageous spirit. His thread of life was cut short unexpectedly in Apr. 1872 of brain fever.

(O). Christina Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Christina was born Apr. 1853, and died of smallpox when one year old.

(P). Anna Baumgartner, Augsburg, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Anna began the path of life Apr. 6, 1856. She only had an ordinary district school education. She was married to David Augsburg June 14, 1875. He was born May 23, 1850 near Linn Grove, Ind. He learned the gunsmith trade, which he followed for 26 years. They lived one mile north of Linn Grove, until they moved to Berne, Ind., in the year 1899 where he has opened a bicycle and sewing machine shop. They first united with the Defenseless Mennonite Church four miles west of Berne, and later with the Missionary church in Berne, where they are active and consistent members. To them were born two daughters near Linn Grove, Ind.:-

1. Aldina Augsburg, Brenneman, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind. R. F. D.

Aldina came upon the arena of time Sept. 27, 1875. She has a common school education. She entered into matrimonial relations with Moody Brenneman Dec. 12, 1903, Rev. A. M. Clauser solemnized the marriage contract. They are honored members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church four miles west of Berne. He was born November 12, 1877. His occupation is farming. They now live four miles west of Berne. To them are born the following children:-

- a. Ester Evangeline, April 5, 1906. Sixth Generation.
- b. Lorina, Oct. 17, 1907. " "

2. Bertha A. Augsburg, Schindler, (Fifth Generation, Berne, Ind.

Bertha A. entered the door of life Feb. 13, 1879. Like her sister she only attended district schools. She was united in the bonds of marriage with Henry Schindler Feb. 19, 1901 by Rev. A. M. Clauser, pastor of the Missionary Church four miles west of Berne, of which both are respected members. He was born Jan. 15, 1876 near Linn Grove, Ind. They live in Berne, Ind., where, until recently, he has been in the furniture and undertaking business since Jan. 15, 1903. From this union issued:-

- a. Anna Alma, Mar. 1, 1902. Sixth Generation.
- b. Naomi Ruth, Aug. 22, 1904. " "

Chapter III.

Sec. VII.

Barbara Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

Barbara was born in Jura, Buderichgraben, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 19, 1812. She was a member of the Mennonite Church. She came to America with her parents, and first lived in Wayne Co., Ohio. From here she moved with her parents to Wells Co., Ind., near Vera Cruz. She fell a prey to lingering consumption lasting 22 months and died in Oct. 1847 at the age of 33 years. She was never married.

Chapter III.

Sec. VIII.

Peter Baumgartner. (Third Generation).

Peter entered the arena of time, in Jura, Buderichgraben, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, June 6, 1814. In Switzerland he learned wagon making under one Amstutz. In 1837 he



Peter and Verena Baumgartner

immigrated to America, first settling in Wayne Co., Ohio, but in 1839 he moved to French township, Adams Co., Ind., two miles southeast of Vera Cruz, Ind. He was united in marriage with Verena Bassinger, of Putnam Co., Ohio, Feb. 4, 1843. She was born in Elsass, Germany, July 2, 1821. From a statement of his father in his letter to friends, he followed the carpenter trade while in Ohio, and after his removal to Indiana, he more or less continued the trade. He also was to some extent a cabinet maker, and made fine farming implements, such as hay-forks, rakes, and ax-handles, baskets and flax-ropes. He was an all-around handy man. Soon after arriving in Indiana he bought an 80 acre heavy timbered piece of land, at above named place, and cleared it up. Later he bought another 40 acre piece of timber adjoining his farm on the west, and one piece of 36 acres adjoining the east half on the south. His build was medium height, round shouldered, full chested, somewhat corpulent and light complected. In his habits he was industrious, honest and economic. He took pride in keeping his farm and fences look well. His orchard was always neatly trimmed.

Both he and his wife were staunch and loyal members of the Mennonite Church to the end of their earthly career. He was also one of the trustees of the Church-building that stood on his farm, on the northeast corner; and acted for many years as janitor thereof. He was a respected citizen and democratic in political views. Through an accident he became ruptured, which gave him at times no little suffering and inconvenience. He lived on his farm until death, when he hopefully passed into the celestial world, Nov. 9, 1882. His demise was caused by inflammation of the bowels and congestion of the lungs.

His wife died of lingering consumption Oct. 2, 1886. With great patience and resignation she bore her long suffering. She lived a godly life, which no doubt left a strong religious impress upon the minds of their children. The writer of this sketch, in his early Christian life, often received religious encouragement from her. He was permitted not a great while prior to her death, by her special request, to preach to her and many old acquaintances, in her home, one Sunday afternoon. This was in the summer of 1886, while the writer was home from college. It was one of his first efforts at preaching, and he will not forget the good spirit that pervaded this meeting, and her encouraging parting words, which proved to be the last to him. To this union were born, on the farm, the following children:—

(A). Marianna Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Marianna was born July 12, 1845. Her life was of a few years, dying of typhoid fever Aug. 6, 1859. This was a great loss to them. She was a good girl.

(B). Jonathan Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation). Bluffton, Ind.

Jonathan began the trials of life Dec. 19, 1846. Opportunities for an education were limited in his boyhood days, neither, as he said, did he care for an education, just as many others in those days. He became a member of the Mennonite Church at the age of fifteen. After he was of age he followed the carpenter trade for nineteen years, four years from 1891—4, in Ft. Wayne, Ind. His first marriage was to Maria Ann Shoemaker, Sept. 7, 1873. Rev. J. K. Troyer, of the Evangelical Church, of Vera Cruz, united them. She was born Dec. 7, 1842, in Reading, Penn., and died in Vera Cruz, where they lived, Sept. 19, 1888. She was a respected member of the Ev. Association at the time of her marriage until death. He was converted after marriage under Rev. J. K. Troyer and also united with her Church. To them was born:—

1. Charles Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation). Bluffton, Ind.

Charles was born Dec. 21, 1877 in Vera Cruz, Ind. He was married to Mary Oxely, Bluffton, Ind. He and his wife later parted.

Jonathan was married the second time to Elizabeth Meyer, May 20, 1893, by Rev. H. Heuser, of the Reformed Church, in Vera Cruz, Ind., of which she was a member. In 1905 he united with her Church. They now live on his farm one mile up the river from Vera Cruz on the west side. To them are born at that place two sons:—

1. Oral S., May 5, 1895. (Fifth Generation).

2. Dewey A., July 8, 1898. " "

(C). David Henry Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

David H. was born, Oct. 18, 1848, and died Aug. 1855.

(D). Anna Baumgartner, (Amstutz), Beer, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Indiana.



Noah

William
Annette

Amstutz.

Mrs. Anna K. Beer.

Anna was born May 11, 1850. She has a meager education. She had many spiritual conflicts brought on by a conduct, for which her conscience condemned and depressed her, and led her into great and sudden fears, and a realization of the need of a better life. She was married to Abraham R. Amstutz, April 27, 1884, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger. He was born in Oberamt Futschy, Canton Bern, Switzerland, June 15, 1853. He came to America in 1879, settling first in Pandora, Ohio. After marriage they lived on a farm a few miles north of Berne, Ind. Later they moved to Tippecanoe, Ind., where he soon afterwards died, Feb. 24, 1890. They were both Mennonites. To them are born near

Berne, Ind., the following children:—

1. Noah Edward Amstutz, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ohio.

Noah E. was born May 21, 1885. He reached the 8th grade in school, when he had to look out for himself. From his 8th year on he worked six years for Wm. R. Lehman, then two years for his uncle David Moser, then two years as printer, and since Dec. 3, 1905 he works on a farm in Allen Co., Ohio. He is a member of the Reformed Church since May 15, 1903.

2. William Adam Amstutz, (Fifth Generation), Geneva, Ind. R. F. D.

William A. was born July 13, 1887. Writer has no account of his life.

3. Annette Amanda Amstutz, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, O.

Annette A. was born July 13, 1889. She is a "Hello" Telephone girl. She has worked at this work since 1904, for a while in Berne, Ind., then in Bluffton, Ohio.

Anna was married the second time to Christian Beer, of Berne, Ind., Oct. 10, 1902, by Rev. E. H. Vornholt, who was then pastor of the Berne Reformed Church. She now enjoys a comfortable living.

(E). Christian Wilhelm Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

The subject of this sketch was born Dec. 7, 1851. At the age of 20 he united with his parents' Church. He always was industrious and economic in his habits of life. After reaching the age of twenty-one, he engaged in carpenter work, and subsequently became regular contractor of houses, barns, etc. His brother Peter later became a partner with him. Not believing that it was good for man to be alone he took the marriage vow with Caroline Riesen, March 9, 1879, by authority of Rev. S. F. Sprunger in the Mennonite church that stood on his father's farm. Soon after marriage he bought an 80 acre farm, mostly heavy timber, about one mile S. E. of Berne. Here they have lived ever since, and all of their children were born here. They are both devoted members of the Church, having experienced a conscious change of heart through faith in Christ's atonement for their sins. His religious inclinations are strong, and zealously engages in the Master's work. In this he possesses his mother's nature and disposition. He is at present, 1906, one of the Deacons in the Church. His school privileges were also limited for want of good schools and from lack of time. He has become a very successful farmer, and is now comfortably situated. Their union was blessed with the following children:—

1. Bertha Amelia Baumgartner, Michaud, (Fifth Generation), Berne. Ind.

Bertha A. stepped into this world May 9, 1880. She enjoyed good district school privileges. She became a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne Mar. 23, 1894. She gave her hand in marriage to Justin Michaud Nov. 17, 1901. He was born Jan. 25, 1876 in Vera Cruz, Ind. His occupation is barbering and auctioneering. They live in Berne. To them are born:—

- a. Howard Henry, Oct. 12, 1902. Sixth Generation.
- b. Lores Christian, Aug. 28, 1906. " "

2. Gideon William Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Gideon W. was born Dec. 5, 1881, and died March 3, 1882.

3. Cordelia Ella Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Cordelia E. entered the sphere of earthly activities, March 1, 1883. She became a member of the Mennonite Church in Berne April 8, 1898. At the present she is clerking in the "Sprunger & Lehman Drygoods Store" in Berne, Ind. She has a fair common school education.

4. Emma Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Emma was born Dec. 26, 1884, and died four days old.

5. Sarah Leah Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Sarah L. started her journey of life Mar. 8, 1886. She has received a fair common school education. She became a member of the Mennonite Church Feb. 9, 1902. Her occupation is assisting her parents on the farm.

6. Bernhart Wesley Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Bernhart W. was born Oct. 11, 1887, and died Jan. 18, 1888.

7. Elmer Walter Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Elmer W. entered upon the arena of time Apr. 18, 1890. He has had good rural school privileges and made good use of them. He became a member of the Mennonite Church April 2, 1905.

8. Martha Lina Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Martha L. found a welcome into this life Apr. 16, 1892. She is now availing herself of her school privileges by attending the Berne High School. She became a member of the Mennonite Church June 3, 1906.

9. Martin Wilbur Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Martin W. began the path of life May 25, 1895, and is now getting an education.

(D). Peter John Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.
Hardware Merchant.



Peter J. Baumgartner.

Peter J. entered upon the trials of life Nov. 5, 1853. He formed industrious and economic habits of life while at home. His school privileges were also quite limited. In his physique he is the pattern of his father. After the age of twenty-one he learned the carpenter trade, and later became partner in contracting for building of houses, barns, etc., with his brother Christian. On Jan. 24, 1885 he led Bertha S. Saurer to the hymenial altar, in the presence, of Rev. Otto Vitz of the Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, Ind., who united them as one in the flesh. She was born one mile N. E. of Vera Cruz, Ind., just across the Adams Co. line, July

1, 1864. She became a member of the Reformed Church at the age of 14 years. He united with her church in the year 1878, and both are honored members of the church. He was Deacon of the church for four years. He entered into hardware business with his cousin Christian Beer in Berne, Ind., in the year 1883 but in the year 1886 they dissolved partnership, and sold their stock of goods. Peter then became a clerk in "L. A. Brickly & Son's Hardware Store", in Bluffton, Ind. On Jan. 1, 1888 he and his brother William formed partnership in hardware business in Berne, Ind., under the name "Baumgartner Bros". where they have since carried on their business successfully. Besides hardware they handle agricultural implements, building material, vehicles, stoves, and are in partnership with Emil Liechty in the pump and windmill business. They took Eli Luginbill in as partner in 1902, changing the firm's name to Baumgartner Bros. & Co. They are doing an extensive and lucrative business along all lines undertaken. They are one of the leading firms in the town. The firm is known near and far for doing square business. They are conservative in their undertaking, which is a very essential business qualification, for a healthful development in business. Peter and his wife are the happy parents of the following children born in Berne, Ind.:—

1. Homer Howard Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Homer H. was initiated into this world Oct. 29, 1885. He has enjoyed a good public school education in Berne. Since he quit school he helped clerking in his father's store, and worked at odd jobs. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

2. Grover Calvin Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Grover C. came upon the scene of action Aug. 5, 1887. He also enjoyed good school privileges. He is a member of the Reformed Church. His occupation is clerk in his father's store.

3. Elroy Peter Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Elroy P. was born June 6, 1892, and died Sept. 20, 1894.

4. Mahala Bertha Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Mahala B. was born Nov. 17, 1893 and died Oct. 5, 1894.

5. Ilma Etna Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Ilma E. was born July 17, 1898. She is now a school girl.

6. Horace George Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Horace G. was born July 21, 1903, and died Sept. 24, 1904.

7. Carl Ernst Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Carl Ernst was born Oct. 4, 1905.

(E). Mary M. Baumgartner, Moser, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Mary M. entered upon her journey of life Nov. 16, 1856. She only had common school advantages. She is quite portly in built. She united with the Mennonite Church at the age of 16 years. In Dec. 12, 1880 she was united in marriage with David J. Moser, by Rev. Peter Vitz. He was born in Adams Co., Ind., Apr. 14, 1856, and died in Berne, Ind., Apr. 10, 1903, where she still lives. After marriage they lived for eight years on the old Nusbaum farm about six miles N. W. of Berne, which he had bought. In 1892 he sold this farm and bought his wife's parents' farm after their death, where they lived until he was necessitated to quit farming on account of failing health, and sold out and moved to Berne. The following children were born to them in French township, Adams Co., Ind.

1. Emil Moser, (Fifth Generation).

Emil was born Jan. 21, 1882, and died Jan. 21, 1885.

2. Albert Moser, (Fifth Generation).

Albert was born Apr. 7, 1883, and died Sept. 2, 1898. He was a promising young lad.

3. Ida Moser, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Ida entered upon the scene of time Sept. 20, 1885. She has enjoyed a fair common school education. Her occupation is working in the Berne Mfg. Co. of Berne. She is a member of the Mennonite Church since May 24, 1903. She is still traveling the single path of life.

4. Matilda Moser, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Matilda began her earthly pilgrimage Jan. 22, 1888. She also enjoyed a fair common school education. Her occupation is working in Berne Mfg. Co. of Berne. She is a member of the Mennonite Church since May 24, 1903. She also is yet single.

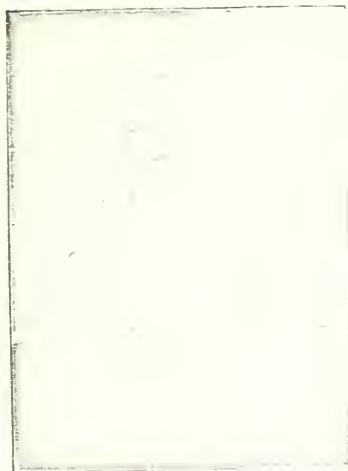
5. Grover Moser, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Grover began the trials of life Feb. 5, 1893. He has enjoyed splendid school privileges in the public school of Berne. He is employed as a clerk in a drygoods store at Berne.

6. Emma Moser, (Fifth Generation).

Emma was born Aug. 7, 1898, and died Dec. 13, 1898,

(F). William Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind. Hardware Merchant.



Wm. Baumgartner.

William began his trials of life Nov. 2, 1858. He only could attend district schools. He was employed in farming until he entered hardware business with his brother Peter, Jan. 1, 1888. In partnership with Samuel Lehman he also was engaged in the undertaking business in Berne, Ind., from 1892-98, when he sold out. He was a member of the town council, 3d ward, from 1890-96, during which time the Town Hall and Fire Engine house was built. Like most men he believed that marriage was honorable, hence he took unto himself, for a sharer of his joys and sorrows, Mary Saurer, Oct. 27, 1881, Rev. Peter Vitz, of the Reformed

Church of Vera Cruz, Ind., tied the nuptial knot. She was born Sept. 8, 1861, one mile N. E. of Vera Cruz. She died a faithful member of the Reformed Church in Berne, Ind., Feb. 11, 1893. She was confirmed and taken into church at the age of 15. On her deathbed she found peace in God through faith in Christ's atonement for her. He united with her Church after marriage in the year 1882 and was since an esteemed member thereof, holding important offices as follows: 4 years as Deacon and 12 as Elder and at present, 1906, he is one of the Trustees. To this union were born:—

1. Otto Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Otto entered life's pathway Aug. 25, 1882. He enjoyed good school privileges. He is a member of the Reformed Church in Berne since Mar. 31, 1899. He does general work. He is yet single.

2. George W. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

George W. was born Nov. 11, 1884, and died June 7, 1885.

3. Della A. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Della A. was born Mar. 25, 1886, and died May 6, 1890.

4. Walter A. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Walter A. first saw the light of this world Aug. 10, 1890. He

was baptized an infant. He died May 4, 1898.

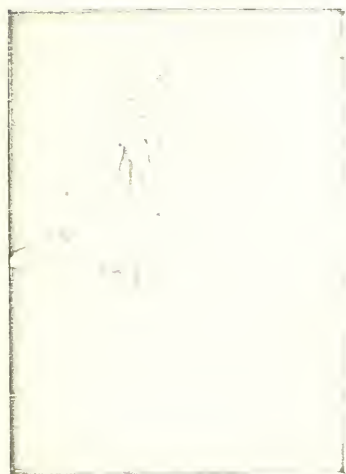
5. Victor H. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Victor H. was born Feb. 3, 1893, and died 20 days old..

On Apr. 19, 1894, William again entered the marriage bond with Maria Soldner, Rev. B. Ruff, of the Reformed Church in Berne, Ind., officiating. She was born a few miles S. W. of Berne, Sept. 2, 1864. She was baptized when 18 years old in the Mennonite Church. After marriage she united with the Reformed Church in Berne, Ind. All his children were baptized in infancy. To them are born in Berne the following:—

1. Henry, Feb. 4, 1895. (Fifth Generation).
died, 11 days old.
2. Leonard, Feb. 20, 1897. " "
3. Willis, Sept. 15, 1899. " "
4. Edison, June 12, 1901. " "
5. Oscar, June 3, 1908. " "

(G). John Philip Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Ft. Wayne, Ind.



Myrtle
Josephine and John P. Baumgartner
Leonel.

John P. was initiated into the trials of this world Jan. 14, 1861. He obtained a fair common school education, and attended one winter the graded school in Linn Grove, Ind., and one term the Normal County school at Decatur. He was in his school days quite a noted speller in the oldfashioned spelling schools, often coming out best. He remained on the farm until in the Fall of 1887, when he took a trip to Oregon, Washington and California for his health, enjoying the sceneries of the snow-capped mountains, and waterfalls, and the Pacific Ocean, and visited the cities of Tacoma, Portland, Salem, San Francisco with its golden gate park, besides orange groves, vineyards etc. He re-

turned home in the Fall of 1888 much improved in health. He entered the machinist work, in partnership with A. Moser, in Berne,

Ind., in 1895. But again on account of failing health, sold his interest in 1898. He then hired out as janitor of the Berne Public School building, and held this position until 1901, when he took up general work. On Nov. 17, 1895 he was united in marriage with Josephine Riffe, by Rev. B. Ruff, of the Reformed Church in Berne. She was born Nov. 12, 1869, in Adams Co., Ind. He became a member of the Reformed Church in Berne, Ind., in 1893. They moved to Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sept. 26, 1906, where he is now assisting in the construction of cement block buildings. To them were born in Berne, Ind.,

1. Myrtle S., Sept. 8, 1896. (Fifth Generation).
2. Leonel E., Dec. 7, 1903. " "



William F. and Katharine Stager
Della
Herman
Howard
Ralph

(H). Katharina Baumgartner, Stager. (Fourth Generation). Bluffton, Ohio.

Katharina began the trials of life May 25, 1863. She only attended district schools. She was married to Wm. F. Stager, of Bluffton, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1896, Rev. B. Ruff, of Berne, Ind., officiating. He was born in Richland Co., Ohio, July 2, 1858. He followed farming near Bluffton, Ohio, until Dec. 8, 1905, when they moved in-

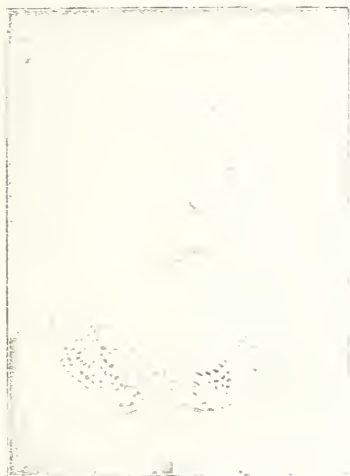
to Bluffton. The following children were born to them:—

1. A daughter, Feb. 23, 1897. (Fifth Generation).
Died a few days old.
2. Della K., Nov. 11, 1898. “ “
3. Howard W., Aug. 30, 1900. “ “
4. Ralph E., Aug. 15, 1903. “ “
5. Herman F., Sep. 26, 1905. “ “

Chapter III.

Sec. IX.

Elizabeth Baumgartner, Beer, (Third Generation).



Mrs. Elizabeth Beer.

Elizabeth was born in Jura Buderichgraben, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, July 26, 1816. She came to America with her parents, and first settled in Wayne Co., Ohio. Here she met Christian Beer and entered marriage life with him in 1837. He was a son of Christian Beer and his wife Barbara, who, was an Ingold. He was born Mar. 10, 1812 on Sonnenberg, Oberamt Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He died Apr. 13, 1850, in Wayne Co., Ohio, of cancer of the throat. He came to Wayne Co., O., in 1824. Mrs. Beer with her family moved to Vera Cruz, Wells Co., Ind., in the spring of 1853. She

remained a member of the Mennonite Church until about 1877 when under the pastorate of Rev. Enos R. Troyer she united with the Eyangelical Association at Vera Cruz, Ind., and remained an acceptable and faithful member until she fell asleep in Jesus in Bluffton, Ind., Feb. 7, 1896, where she lived the last few years, keeping house for her son William. She was a great admirer of garden flowers and house plants, and always had a great plenty of them summer and winter. This fact accounts for her being named by her familiar friends, "Blumen Lizzie." She was corpulently built, and possessed a cheerful and amiable disposition. This fact made her many intimate friends. The following named children were the fruit of their union, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio, viz:—

(A). Marian Beer, North, (Fourth Generation), Portland, Ind.

Marian's earthly pilgrimage dates from Dec. 20, 1838. Her opportunities to obtain an education were limited owing to poor school privileges and the necessity of working to make a living. She was

always industrious and followed general sewing among people, aside doing general housework. The mythical cupid of love aided Isaac North, of Vera Cruz, by degrees to twine his cords of love about her, to which she readily responded, which resulted in a marriage union on Apr. 20, 1862. He was born in Cumberland Co., Penn., July 15, 1839. He obtained a fair education. For many years he had an interest in the Vera Cruz Grist Mill with other men, finally he became sole owner of it. But on account of a new Roller process that everywhere came into use, and the town being disadvantageously located, for any kind of business, he considered it imprudent to introduce the new process, and therefore he sold out all his property in town, and moved to Portland, county-seat of Jay Co., Ind., February 1895, where he bought a house and feed-barn and is doing a prosperous business. She was converted to God under the labors of Rev. Geo. Roederer, pastor of the Evangelical Church at Vera Cruz, Ind., where she also united, and remained an acceptable member until their removal to Portland, where she is now a member of the same Church in good standing. She is a portly woman and an affectionate mother. Their home was blessed with the following children, all born in Vera Cruz, Ind., viz.—

1. Albert Edwin North, (Fifth Generation), Kendallville, Ind.

Albert E. began the struggle of life Jan. 8, 1863. He obtained a good graded school education, in Vera Cruz, Ind., where he also taught school afterwards for a while. Here he also attended the Sunday-school of his mother's Church, learning some German. There being no work in town to give a young man steady employment, and a chance to make something of oneself, he went to Bluffton, Ind., and clerked in a store for some time. Later, in the year 1894 he moved to Markle, Ind., and took charge for eleven years of the Studabaker Sale & Co., which under his management did a lucrative business. In 1906 he removed to Garret, Ind., where he engaged in saw milling. He was married to Isabelle Gromer, Dec. 21, 1898 at Jackson, Michigan, by G. R. Foster. She was born Oct. 10, 1863 in Frankfort, Herkimer Co., N. Y. She is identified with the M. E. Church, since 1897. In Oct. 1907 they moved to Kendallville, Noble Co., Ind., where he entered partnership with his uncle Wm. Beer, and his brother Daniel, as hardware merchants.

2. Levi McClellen North, (Fifth Generation).

Levi was born Aug. 8, 1864, and died Nov. 11, 1864.

3. Daniel Oscar North, (Fifth Generation), Kendallville, Ind.

Daniel O. found a welcome to this world, Oct. 9, 1865. He received a good graded school and Normal school education in Vera

Cruz and Bluffton, Ind. He also took a course in Indianapolis Business College. He was a successful school teacher, which profession he followed for twelve terms. From 1894 to 1898 he served as deputy surveyor of Wells Co., Ind. From 1898 to 1902 he served an oil company as oil guager. In Nov. 1902, he was elected to the surveyorship of Wells Co., Ind, which office he held for four years. In 1906 he moved to Garret, where he did city engineering. He never became identified with any church, but in his boyhood days he attended the Sunday-school of his mother's church in Vera Cruz, Ind. He was married to Arlie A. Brickley, of Bluffton, Ind., Oct. 10, 1902. She was born in Lancaster township, Wells Co, Ind., Nov. 5, 1876. They have one daughter,

a. Roberta, Aug. 19, 1906. (Sixth Generation).

4. Sarah Agnes North, (Fifth Generation).

Sarah A. was born July 15, 1867, and died Dec. 6, 1874. She was a bright girl.

5. Charles Benjamin North, (Fifth Generation), Portland, Ind.

Charles B. began his earthly career May 18, 1869. He obtained a fair graded school education in Vera Cruz, Ind. He attended Sunday-school in his mother's Church in aforementioned place. In 1895 he moved with his parents to Portland, Ind. Here he met Emma R. Rees, a sister of Rev. John Rees of the Evangelical Association, and was married to her July 16, 1899. She was born near Wordington, Dark Co., Ohio, Feb. 10, 1872. They live on her mother's farm near Portland, where he is farming. She is a member of the Evangelical Association in Portland, Ind. To them are born,—

a. Marian Pauline, Nov. 18, 1901. (Sixth Generation).

b. Carl Isaac, Sep. 18, 1905. " "

6. Mary Frances North, (Fifth Generation), Chicago, Ill.,
Dressmaker.

Mary F. commonly called, "Fannie", began her journey of life, Apr. 1, 1871. She received a good graded school education in Vera Cruz, Ind. She also has a fair musical schooling both vocal and instrumental. She served as organist of the Evangelical Church in Vera Cruz for quite a number of years. She was converted to God under the labors of Rev. Bruckart, in 1889, and united with the Ev. Association in aforementioned place, and still is a faithful member of the same, in Portland, Ind., to which place she moved with her parents. She is now largely deprived of her own church privileges owing to her being away from home most all the time. Since she moved to Portland she has successfully followed dressmaking. For some years she has followed her trade in Chicago among the wealthy peo-

ple with great ability and success, earning large wages. Thus far she has preferred to travel her path of life alone. Her address is 6700 Wentworth Ave. Chicago.

7. William Harrison North, (Fifth Generation), Bellingham, Wash., Civil Engineer.

William H. came upon the scene of action Dec. 25, 1873. After finishing the graded school of Vera Cruz, Ind., he pursued a course of civil engineering in "Purdue University" at Lafayette, Ind. Since 1905 he has followed civil engineering in Chicago, with splendid ability and success. He is not married. He went west Sept. 9, 1906, and is now at Bellingham, Wash., and will be in that section of this country for an indefinite period.

8. and 9. Anna Minerva North, Mendenhall, and Emma Elizabeth North, (Fifth Generation).

Anna M. and Emma E. entered the path of life Nov. 24, 1875. Emma died Sept. 17, 1879. Anna grew up and received a good education in Vera Cruz, Ind. She successfully taught public school for several terms. She gave her hand in marriage to Wm. Foreman Mendenhall, Dunkirk, Ind., Dec. 26, 1902. They reside in Terre Haute, Ind., where Mr. Mendenhall is employed as book keeper in North Baltimore bottle glass factory. The following children found welcome into their home:—

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| a. Frances North, | | (Sixth Generation). |
| Died one week old. | | |
| b. Willa Francis, | Feb. 2, 1903. | " " |
| c. Florence Minerva, | Jan. 26, 1905. | " " |
| d. John Isaac, | Nov. 10, 1906. | " " |

(B). John Beer, (Fourth Generation).

John began his brief career in life July 4, 1840, and died May 5, 1855.

(C.) Benjamin Beer, (Fourth Generation).

Benjamin began the conflicts of life July 10, 1842. His educational privileges were also limited owing to poor schools, and little time. He was a coppersmith by trade. He made the rooster on the tower of the Reformed Church in ———, which has served as a weathervane for many years. When the Civil War was on in the United States, he volunteered as a substitute, and as a soldier experienced many hardships, but suffered willingly for the good of his country. He was united in marriage with Emma Kied, of Springfield, Ill., Oct., 1870. They lived in this place for a number of years, then they moved to Aurora, Ill. later they moved to

Chicago, where he died of typhoid fever in 1898. She was born in New Jersey in 1852. She is now living in Chicago. The following children were born to this union:—

1. May Beer, Friend, (Fifth Generation), Chicago.

May began her earthly life in Springfield, Ill., June 6, 1872. She obtained a good education in Aurora, Ill. She became the wife of Joseph Friend, Aug. 18, 1896 in New York city. They now reside in Chicago, Ill.

2. Aldine Beer, Coles, (Fifth Generation), Chicago.

Aldine began the trials of life in Springfield, Ill., Aug. 6, 1877. She received a good education in the Chicago schools. She was united with Romulus Coles, of Chicago, Ill., May 31, 1901. They also reside in Chicago.

3. Charles Albert Beer, (Fifth Generation), Chicago.

Charles A. entered the activities of this life in Aurora, Ill., Nov. 23, 1887. He also has enjoyed good school privileges in Chicago.

4. Elmer Burton Beer, (Fifth Generation).

Elmer B. was born in Chicago, Nov....1889, and died April 16, 1890.

(D). Elizabeth Beer, Gilliom, (Fourth Generation), Indianapolis, Indiana.

Elizabeth entered the shifting scenes of life Apr. 1, 1844. She only received a limited education owing to poor school privileges. When grown to womanhood she followed sewing and general housework. When Adam Gilliom fully realized that it was not good for man to be alone, like Adam in Eden, he found his Eye in Elizabeth Beer who gave him her hand in marriage Mar. 28, 1864. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 8, 1835. They lived in Vera Cruz, Ind., one year, then they moved to Warren, Ind., where they lived one year. From here they moved to Bluffton, Ind., where he was engaged in.....In the year.....they moved to Minnesota, and remained there....years. From there they moved back to Vera Cruz, Ind. But in the year.....they moved to Hickory Co., Missouri, where they lived three years. Here he was in general merchandize business. From here they again moved back to Vera Cruz, Ind., and he was chiefly engaged in overseeing farming. In 1892 they moved to Decatur, Ind., where he was in the shoe business and general merchandise. They again sold out, moved to Indianapolis in 1902 where they live a retired life. The old adage "that a rolling

stone does not gather moss," did not come true in their oft moving, but usually resulted in financial improvement for them. Adam, though not possessing much of an education, had a keen and practical eye for business, and in all his business enterprises developed marked success. He also had a practical eye for successful farming. She was first a member of the Reformed Church in Vera Cruz, Ind. But under the labors of Rev. E. K. Troyer, she became a member of the Evangelical Association of the above named place. This was in 1877. He was converted to God under the labors of Rev. J. H. Evans in 1891, and also united with her Church. They are now honored members of the First Church of the Ev. Association in Indianapolis, Ind. The following Children were born to this union:—

1. Priscilla A. Gilliom, Marsh, (Fifth Generation), Kokomo, Indiana.

Priscilla A. entered upon the path of earthly activity Sept. 24, 1866, in Bluffton, Ind. She received a good graded school education. Also had the opportunity of attending the Bluffton Normal School. She taught one term of public school. Then she became the wife of William Marsh July 3, 1886. He was born Oct. . . . 1862 in Wells Co., Ind., near the Salem Evangelical Church. He obtained a good education. and taught eight terms of school with great acceptability. Then he became partner with Wm. Mertz in the Druggist business in Uniondale, Huntington Co., Ind. Later he bought out his partner. And soon thereafter he sold out his business, and bought out Dr. Buell's Drug Store in Bluffton, Ind., until he became deputy Auditor of Wells Co., Ind., which position he held for eight years. Then he was cashier of the "Wells Co. Bank" for one year. In 1901 he was again elected as Auditor of above named county and held the office for four years. In 1906 they moved to Kokomo where he became cashier of the "Kokomo National Bank". They are members of the M. E. Church, since To them was born one son,

- a. Prof. Howard Waring Marsh, (Sixth Generation).

Howard W. began his journey in life Aug. 16, 1888. He is a graduate of the Bluffton High School. He also attended several years the "Purdue University" in Lafayette, Ind., studying civil engineering, and is now in the "Chicago University" completing his work. He is a bright young man with a bright future before him. He is a teacher of vocal music in Denison College (Baptist) Granville, Ohio.

2. Emma Louise Gilliom, (Fifth Generation), Book-keeper, Indianapolis, Ind.

Emma L. started her voyage of life in Vera Cruz, Ind., July 3, 1869. She availed herself of the opportunities of obtaining a good

education. After having completed the graded school work in Vera Cruz, she attended two terms of Normal School work in Bluffton, Ind. She taught one term of school when fourteen years old. Later she went to Ft. Wayne, Ind., attending the "Ft. Wayne International Business College" and made an unprecedented record, completing the full course in one year. This fact accounts for her having become a member of the faculty of the college, immediately after graduation. She was promoted to the principalship of the Short Hand department, which position she held for three years, giving excellent satisfaction. After a short interim of two years for rest at her parental home at Decatur, Ind., she went to Indianapolis, Ind., entered the "Indianapolis Business University" and graduated from it in 1901. Since then she has been in the employ of a great monetary concern, "The Marion Trust Co.," as chief book-keeper, giving excellent satisfaction.

She was converted to God in a Campmeeting of the Evangelical Association, held in John Schaupp's woods about a mile east of Linn Grove, Ind., in the summer of 1888, and united with the Evangelical Association, and has been an honored member ever since. She is now identified with the Grace Church of the aforesaid Association, in Indianapolis. She was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of said Church, at its organization, served five years, and was secretary of the Board. She has undoubtedly the distinction of being the first woman in the Church who held the office of a trustee. She is also otherwise actively engaged in the Church. The fruits of her labors of love in the church are visible, and her efforts much appreciated.

3. Hetty Alice Gilliom, (Fifth Generation), Book-keeper, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hetty A. commenced the conflicts of this world in Wheatland, Hickory Co., Mo., Mar. 18, 1871. She also received a good graded school education in Vera Cruz, Ind. She was converted to God in a Campmeeting of the Evangelical Association held in John Schaupp's woods one mile east of Linn Grove, Ind., and also united with the Ev. Association, since which she has remained a respected member thereof. Having contracted a severe ailment she was necessitated to change climate for a while. From 1895 to 1897 she spent her time in Montana, and in and about "The National Yellow Stone Park." After staying here for two years, she returned to Decatur, Indiana, where her parents lived, very much improved in health. Soon thereafter, 1898, she was employed as book-keeper in "Charles True's General Store;" and remained until 1902, when she moved with her parents to Indianapolis, Ind. Since 1903 she is a book-keeper of

"The Polar Ice and Fuel Co., of Indianapolis." She now is a member of the First Church of the Ev. Asso. in Indianapolis.

4. Ard A. Gilliom, (Fifth Generation), Columbus, Ohio.

Ard A. began to travel the path of life in Vera Cruz, Ind., June 8, 1873. He also enjoyed good school privileges. After being through the graded school at Vera Cruz, he attended for a while the Bluffton High School. He has had a roving spirit, traveling over lands and seas practically around the world. The following were some of the more interesting places he visited: He sailed from Portland, Oregon, around Cape Horn to Ireland and England, France and Holland, landed in New York and toured the Eastern States. He was married to Maud Burdge, of Van Wert, Ohio, June 19, 1898. They now reside in Columbus, Ohio, where he is engaged in saddlery business.

5. Mary B. Gilliom, Davis, (Fifth Generation), Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mary B. entered upon the arena of life in Vera Cruz, Ind., Dec. 12, 1879. She enjoyed good school privileges. She completed the third year of high school work in Decatur, Ind. On account of physical disability she was necessitated to quit school before she could graduate. In this city, under the pastorate of Rev. S. B. Kring, pastor of the Evangelical Church, she became converted to God, and united with the Church, and has since remained a faithful member, being at present a member of the First Church of the Ev. Asso., in Indianapolis, where she resides. She also obtained a good musical education in Indianapolis having attended the "Metropolitan School of Music." One year she took lessons on the pipe organ and harmony from Prof. Chas. Hanson. For one year she officiated at the pipe organ of the First Church in the Ev. Asso. in Indianapolis. She was united in marriage with Constantine Davis, March 7, 1907. He was born in Marion, Ind., Dec. 20, 1876. He is a traveling salesman for the Indianapolis Paint and Color Co. He is a member of the M. E. Church.

(E). Samuel Beer, (Fourth Generation).

Samuel was born July 13, 1845, and died Sept. 3, 1845.

(F). Daniel Beer, (Fourth Generation), Lumber Dealer.

Daniel began his earthly career, Aug. 12, 1846. He received a common school education. During the Civil War in our country he volunteered as a substitute soldier. While at Nashville, Tenn., he was nearly starving for want of food. He wrote home to his folks for help lest he should die, which was gladly complied with. He was married, (name of his wife and date of marriage could not be

found out), and lived for some time in Tower, Minn. To them were born the following sons:—

1. Donald, (Fifth Generation).
2. Walter, " "
3. Gordon, " "

His wife died 1895. He married again a lady from Minneapolis, Minn., about a year ago. They now live somewhere in northwestern Canada, where he is engaged in the lumber business.

(G) Christian Beer, (Fourth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Christian's journey in life dates from May 21, 1848. He also only received a common school education. He was a general day-laborer during most of his single life. On July 5, 1874 he was united in marriage to Aldine Sunier, of Vera Cruz, Ind. She was born July 28, 1851, and was a daughter of Sunier, the merchant in the golden days of Vera Cruz. His occupation is farming one mile southeast of Bluffton, Ind., where he owns a good farm lying on the south side of the Wabash river. Before farming he was conducting a hardware store in Berne, Ind. The following children have graced their home:—

1. Emma C. Beer, (Fifth Generation).

Emma C. was born Jan. 26, 1876, and died Aug. 20, 1878.

2. Lorene H. Beer Daugherty, Fifth Generation).

Lorene H. began her journey of life Aug. 20, 1877. She has received a good education. She was converted to God and united with the M. E. Church. She became the wife of Charles B. Daugherty May 5, 1896. He was converted to God in an evangelistic meeting conducted by evangelist Ried in the M. E. Church in Bluffton, Ind., in the winter of 1905 and also united with the M. E. Church. He soon thereafter felt called to preach the Gospel of Christ. He applied to the North M. E. Conference for license to preach, which was granted him. He applied for a field of labor and Hoagland charge, north of Ft. Wayne, was assigned him, which he served acceptably for two years. At the conference session in the spring of 1907 he was assigned to They are both much interested in religious work. To them were born in Bluffton, Ind.,

- a. Martha A., Nov. 24, 1896. Sixth Generation).
- b. Grace, Oct. 30, 1898. " "
- c. Donald E., Mar. 7, 1901. " "

3. Celestine E. Beer, Armbrecht, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Celestine E. entered the arena of life Mar. 31, 1879. She also

received a good education. For some time she was clerking in one of the stores in Bluffton. She entered upon the path of matrimonial life with Roy Armbricht, Aug. 8, 1905. He is a painter and paper hanger by trade, he also works in a laundry at times. He was born Aug. 8, 1884. Both are respected members of the Six-Mile New-light Christian Church, about two miles southeast of Bluffton.

4. Edward A. Beer, (Fifth Generation), Soldier.

Edward A. commenced his earthly life Apr. 15, 1881. He also received a good education. He followed farming until he resolved to become a soldier in the Regular Army of the United States, and did service for three years, most all the time in the distant Philippine Island. He returned home in 1906. He then applied to the United States for a Rural mail route from Bluffton, Ind., in which he was successful. He only went out a few times when he contracted a fatal ailment, pneumonia, from which he died Jan. 26, 1907.

5. Mary S. Beer, (Fifth Generation), Clerk, Bluffton, Ind.

Mary S. was welcomed to this life July 24, 1884. She has also obtained a good education. She followed clerking in a store in Bluffton for a while. But having learned stenographic work she applied for a position as stenographer for "Davenport and Ely", which position she obtained, and is now, 1907, engaged as such. She is also a member of the Six-Mile Christian Church, two miles southeast of Bluffton.

6. An infant son was born Dec, 19, 1896, and died four days later.

(H). William Beer, (Fourth Generation), Merchant, Kendallville, Ind.

William entered upon the realities of this life Aug. 6, 1850. He succeeded in obtaining a fair education. From 1867 to 1872 he worked on the carpenter trade, then to 1875 he worked at wagon making, under David Mosure, in Vera Cruz. Then he went to Bluffton, Ind., and commenced clerking for "Studebaker & Welly, Dry Goods Store", and remained with them for two years. Then in 1877, he returned to Vera Cruz, and clerked for his brother-in-law Adam Gil-liom in a "General Merchant store" until 1882. Then he again went to Bluffton, and entered into "Shoe-business" with Mr. Sunier and remained for four years. Then until 1892 he followed general work, when he began clerking for "Justus, Rogers and Biel Hardware Store", then for their successors "Justus and Rogers", then "Rogers & Cole", and in 1907, "Cole & Co." He is now Hardware merchant in Kendallville, Ind. Politically he is democratic. He is a tall, well-built man. He is still unmarried.

(I). Josephine, was by the second marriage of her mother, and died a young girl.

Chapter III.

Sec. X.

Samuel Baumgartner, (Third Generation). 1818—1881.

The subject of this sketch entered the arena of life in Jura, Buderich-Graben, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Apr. 17, 1818. Here, and in Langnau and LaChaux de Fonds, where his father successively lived, he spent his boyhood days in simplicity, poverty and few civil liberties. The country where he lived was mountainous, and the tilling of the ground laborious and unproductive. School opportunities were few and crude, and from a lack of means and time, he had to forego even such as there were. To improve civil and religious conditions and temporal comforts, he, with the rest of his father's family, immigrated to America in the Spring of 1837, first settled in Wayne Co., Ohio; but in the fall of 1839, he, with the rest, moved to Wells Co., Ind.

Being the youngest of the boys he was soon put out among English speaking people, south of the Wabash river, to learn enough of their language to do needed business with them. He soon picked up sufficient to converse with them and transact business for the rest of the family. Like in the fatherland, he never had any school privileges in this country. However by studying at home, and later, after marriage, through his wife's efforts, who had a fair German education, he became a ready German reader. He was also a lover of sacred songs, and readily picked up new songs he heard away from home, and then made use of them in religious services at home, where he was a leader in congregational singing, for nearly his whole life.

On Apr. 29, 1848, he bought a heavy timbered farm of 80 acres, in French township, Adams Co., two miles S. E. of Vera Cruz, Ind., from his brother Peter for \$200.00. The same day he also bought 20 acres from Isaac F. . . . adjoining the 80 acres on the north of the west half, for \$74.00. . . . This was also timberland. On Oct. 9, 1852, he purchased 40 acres from Amos C. Mau for \$300.00 a quarter of a mile south, also uncleared. The first two tracts were a heavy yellow clay, hard of cultivation and not very productive. The other was low, wet, and blue clay with some loam, but very fertile. These farms required much hard work to clear away the timber and make the soil tilable. Every spare time was utilized for clearing, splitting rails, building fences, draining the land, and tilling the ground.

These were days of hardship, of which the present generation can form no real conception.

At first his sister Maria kept house for him; but in course of a few years she was married, leaving him alone. This necessitated him to look about for a life-companion. He went to Putnam Co., Ohio, where there were many Swiss people, and inquired of their minister for a suitable wife. At the minister's home, at this time, was a young woman, Verena Welty, who was upstairs, busy at weaving. She was mentioned as a suitable and industrious person, and he accordingly obtained permission to see her. After introducing himself, they chatted awhile. Presently he revealed to her his real purpose, which found favor with her, and soon they had an understanding; an engagement was contracted, and not long thereafter, on Feb. 1, 1849, they were married in the home of her oldest brother, John Welty, in Allen Co., Ohio. Rev. Christian Steiner, of the Swiss Mennonite Church in that place, solemnized the marriage. They lived together through joys and sorrows for over 32 years, when he died of pleurisy, after only a few days of intense suffering, Mar. 22, 1881.

His wife was born in Bagischwand, Lauperswyl, Emmen-thal, Canton Bern, Switzerland, on Apr. 25, 1824. Her father, John Welty, was born in Leuenberg, Canton Basel, in 1790, and was married to Christina Gerber in 1815. She immigrated to America with her older brothers in 1844, and settled near Bluffton, Ohio. Her parents with their four youngest children followed in 1855.

Not being satisfied with their religious life, and unable to find the true light in their Church, the Mennonite, as it was then, they concluded to visit the services of missionaries of the Evangelical Association, who had come into the community, preaching an experimental religion. They soon received needed light and knowledge, and were convinced of the error of their way. They at once began seeking pardon for sin, justification by faith in Christ's atonement, and regeneration of the Holy Ghost, instead by trusting in Church ordinances, or outward identification with some Church. In 1854 they were both happily converted to God under the labors of Rev. John Fuchs. Mother first found peace and rest for her soul. Father, after seeking a long while, was converted on John Gottschalk's farm, near the old barn, by a large stump, and a small tree, which has since grown to a fair size. Geo. Gottschalk, according to his testimony to the writer, was an eye-witness from the old barn. Both then united with the Evangelical Association at Vera Cruz, Ind., and remained faithful members until death.

Almost continually since father's conversion he held important

church offices. He was class-leader over twenty years, and also exhorter for awhile, and for years a trustee of the parsonage and the church in Vera Cruz. He was scrupulously conscientious in church work, ever trying to meet his moral and religious obligations. In temporal matters he was industrious, frugal in his habits of life, kind and faithful to his family and neighbors. His life adorned his Christian profession, and therefore had the confidence and good will of the people in general, in and out of the church, and his counsel in religious matters was frequently sought. His greatest delight was in participating in revival meetings. He often ventured through the severest kind of weather to attend the meetings, and assist in winning souls for Heaven. He always enjoyed the company of ministers, and loved to converse on religious subjects. His counsel was frequently sought by them. When anybody was in trouble, or in need of sympathy and help, and it was in his power to render aid, he did it cheerfully. It was no uncommon thing for him to be called out, by day or night, by religious scoffers and others, when seriously ill, to come and pray for them that God might have mercy on them and spare their lives, or save them.

On account of his religious activities and firmness to his convictions, he often encountered criticisms from his unenlightened neighbors, especially when there was a new spiritual awakening. In the house of God he loved order and consistency, and not infrequently sat among the scoffers, firmly and thoughtfully reprimanded them for their misconduct. He was fearless when under the power of the Spirit, and no ruffian dared to resist or molest him. In his worship he was enthusiastic, at times quite demonstrative, especially when he had good hold on God through faith in prayer. His zeal for saving souls was constant. He also had a wide circle of friends beyond the borders of Newville Circuit. He left a strong religious impress upon his children and his neighbors, which was more valuable than a legacy of earthly wealth. In worldly store he was limited, but yet very liberal in the support of the Gospel, and other worthy objects.

He was almost constantly afflicted, in the last twenty years, with chronic rheumatism in the hips, and neuralgic pains, until he finally succumbed. In his physique he was broad and square shouldered, heavy boned, had a low chest, broad fore head, wide chin and mouth, large cheek bones, high-bridged Roman nose, gray eyes and black hair. He had large hands, and feet requiring No. 11 shoes, and was five feet and ten inches tall, weighing about 175 pounds. In politics he was first a Democrat, but turned Republican on the slavery question, when Abraham Lincoln was first elected to the presidency of the United States. He was drafted to do army

2. Herman Samuel Beck, (Fifth Generation), Huntington, Ind.

Herman S. commenced his earthly trip Sept. 20, 1885, near Huntington, Ind., on his father's farm. He had good school privileges. After attending high school for a while, he concluded to quit and entered "The Business College" in Huntington, where he attended for a while. But having a strong inclination for manual labor, he did not finish the business course. He began to work in the Ohio & Western Lime Co. Then for a while he clerked in a "Gents Clothing" store, but not liking this line of work, he waited for an opportunity to get in as an apprentice in the machine shop of the Erie R. R. located in Huntington. He entered as an apprentice Oct. 1905 and has been making rapid progress. His ambition is to become a master mechanic. His industrious nature will contribute much to succeed.

(C). Caroline Baumgartner, Mosiman, (Fourth Generation), South Bend, Indiana.

Caroline entered upon the activities of life, Sept. 27, 1856. She only received a common school education. She often had a longing for a higher school education, but never realized her desires. She was converted to God at the age of ten years, also under the labors of Rev. J. Fuchs, and united with the Ev. Association in Vera Cruz. Her amiable disposition always made her many friends. She is gifted in song, and had she had the opportunity of voice culture, she would have developed into a first class singer. She gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Mosiman, of Vera Cruz, Ind., May 13, 1877, Rev. E. R. Troyer tied the nuptial knot. He was born at Vera Cruz, Ind., Feb. 3, 1856. At the time of marriage he was conducting a General Store, in his native town and continued until he sold out in 1890. On Sept. 25, 1890, he moved with his family to Nappanee, Elkhart Co., Ind., where he previously had bought out a partnership merchant in a hardware store and tinshop. In 1899 he sold his interest to Weiss & Frevert but remained with the new firm as tinner until 1902. In 1903 they sold their property in Nappanee, and bought in South Bend, Ind., to which place they moved in November of the same year. In 1904 he again took up his trade with C. G. Folsom Mfg. Co. In Nappanee he served as town clerk for 2½ terms, was also a member of the town council for one term. On account of his firm stand against the saloon element, he was defeated in the election for the second term by one vote. Politically he was always a loyal Republican. In Nappanee they started a church society of the Ev. Association with six charter members. Here he served as S. S. Supt. for seven years, as class leader ten years and as trustee for twelve years, resigning the two latter offices when moving

to South Bend. They are now members of the St. Paul M. E. Church in South Bend. They both love spiritual life and an active aggressiveness in church work. She has served as S. S. teacher for 4 years, and he as S. S. treasurer for 3 years in Mizpah Church of the Ev. Asso. in S. Bend. Their home was made happy with the following children, all born in Vera Cruz, Ind., except the two youngest, who were born in Nappanee, Ind.:

1. Surelda Elmira Mosiman, (Fifth Generation), South Bend, Indiana, Clerk.

Surelda entered the pathway of life Feb. 12, 1878. She received a good public school education in Nappanee. After she quit school, she took a position as clerk in "Hartman Bro.'s Drygoods and Grocery Store," in Nappanee, giving most excellent satisfaction. She remained with them nine years, and was the greater part of this time the head lady in the store. When her parents moved to South Bend, she resigned her place, and also went with them. After resting a while from this kind of work, she again took up the work in South Bend, first with Happ & Mark, later she took a position with McLain & Baird where she has since been, giving entire satisfaction, and several times received the offer as forelady, but not wishing to resume so great responsibility she declined the offer. She was converted to God at the age of thirteen and united with the Ev. Asso. at Nappanee, where she took a prominent part in the Church choir. She is deeply religious and devoted to her Church. She is now a member of the St. Paul M. E. Church in South Bend, Ind. She has served as steward for 3 years in Mizpah Church. Thus far she preferred traveling the single path of life.

2. William Henry Mosiman, (Fifth Generation).

William H. began his short earthly career Dec. 24, 1879. He was a bright, affectionate and industrious boy, with strong religious tendencies. He died of diphtheria in Nappanee, Nov. 4, 1890.

3. Lillian Alvina Mosiman, Krause, (Fifth Generation). Indianapolis, Ind.

Lillian A. found a welcome to this life, April 21, 1882. She received a good public school education in Nappanee, Ind. Then she followed general housework, and learned dressmaking, helped out in clerking in Hartman Bro.'s Store, where her sister S. clerked, in busy seasons and on Saturdays. She accepted Christ as her Savior when ten years old, and also became identified with the Ev. Association in Nappanee, Ind., and was always an active member, sang in the choir, and assisted at the organ. In 1902 she was sent as delegate from their Young People's Alliance, to Oakwood Park Y. P. A. Conven-

tion, of the Indiana Conference of the Ev. Asso., and received a special interest and inspiration in the work, which interest has not abated since. Here, in committee work, she met Harry Krause, of Indianapolis, which later developed into a love affair, and then matrimony, which took place June 15, 1904, her uncle, S. H. Baumgartner, solemnized the wedding act, a ring ceremony. They live in Indianapolis, in their own beautiful home. He was born in Indianapolis, June 30, 1875. He is a partner in the "Krause Bro.'s Gents Furnishing Store." They are both members of the First Church of the Ev. Association in their city. She has served as president of the local Y. P. A. for two years, is a S. S. teacher, and is an active member in the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Missionary societies. He has served five years as Conference Branch Y. P. A. missionary secretary with great success, and is now missionary sec. of the local Y. P. A. and S. S. Supt.

4. Edna May Mosiman, (Fifth Generation), South Bend, Ind.
Stenographer.

Edna M. was initiated into the shifting scenes of life Sept. 25, 1884. She obtained a good education, graduating with honors from the Nappanee High School May 1903. After this she finished a course in the "South Bend Business School." She took a position as office girl and stenographer in Shidler Bro.'s Hardware Store in South Bend, and remained with them until they sold out, in 1906, giving entire satisfaction. After a short vacation she again took up stenography with Geo. Cutter Co. where she has worked since Sept, 17, 1906. She was converted to God at the age of 14 years and united with the Ev. Asso., in Nappanee, Ind. She also took an active part in all the church services, S. S. and Y. P. A. work. She is blessed with good business qualities and a hopeful disposition as the rest are. She is now a member of the St. Paul M.E. Church, of South Bend, where her activities in the Church are continuing. She has served as secretary of the S. S. of Mizpah society for 2 years and two as Y. P. A. President.

5. Ina Orvilla Mosiman, (Fifth Generation), South Bend, Ind.
Seamstress.

Ina O. began traveling in the past of life Oct. 3, 1887. She also enjoyed good school privileges. She finished the second year in High School, in Nappanee. Not wishing to resume her school-work in South Bend, she took up the work as seamstress at home, in which she is apt and successful. She was converted to God in her 14th year, and joined the Ev. Association in Nappanee. She is also active in the Church, and has held various offices in the S. S. and Y.

P. A. She has also served one year as organist of the Church. She has taken up instrumental music by herself and has made commendable progress, so that it is not difficult for her to preside at the organ for choir purposes. She has a sweet alto voice, and has for some years been a member of the choir. She is also now a member of the St. Paul M. E. Church in South Bend, Ind.

6. Lloyd Baumgartner Mosiman, (Fifth Generation), South Bend, Indiana.

Lloyd B. came on the stage of action, April 22, 1893. He is now attending public school in South Bend. He was converted to God in the winter of 1904, under the labors of Rev. R. C. Stoll, pastor of the Mizpah Church, with which he also united. During vacation and after school hours he works in a Grocery Store with acceptability and aptness. He is industrious and ambitious. For about a year he delivered milk in the city for Mr. Lerner. He is now a member of the St. Paul M. E. Church.

7. Kenton McKinley Mosiman, (Fifth Generation),

Kenton began his trials in life July 18, 1896. He is now attending public school in South Bend, Ind. He is a bright and active boy. He joined Mizpah Church during the winter of 1906, 10 years of age. He is now a member of the St. Paul M. E. Church.

(D). Abraham W. Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).



Abraham W. Baumgartner.

Abraham W. entered the pathway of life Jan. 26, 1858. On account of the abundance of farm work he could not attend school regularly. At the age of seventeen he quit going to school. He later went to Commercial School in North Western College, Naperville, Ill., but found the work too strenuous for his physical condition, and could therefore not finish the course. At twenty years old he contracted chronic rheumatism, largely resulting from over-exertion in hewing timber for Christian and Peter Baumgartner, building contractors. He was in his teens quite strong, robust and ambitious, not surmising that he might overtax

his body and prematurely exhaust his strength. This attack was followed by typhoid fever, which left him with impaired health the rest of his life. Hoping that a change of climate might benefit him, he went to Holdredge, Neb., and later to Ness City, Kansas, where he followed his carpenter trade, which he learned after becoming of age, but after about two years he again returned without being much improved, and farmed mother's place. Feeling that he needed a life-companion, he won the affections of Mary Hocker, of Vera Cruz, Ind., to whom he was married Jan. 13, 1891. They moved on the old homestead, and mother moved to Vera Cruz. His ailment gradually grew worse and finally developed into catarrh of the stomach and jaundice, which caused him intense suffering prior to his death, Aug. 8, 1893. His peaceful life made him many friends. In his Christian life he never had a very clear evidence of his acceptance before God, but shortly before death he could hopefully say to his companion, "There is rest for the weary". He had united with the Ev. Association in Feb. 1881, and was faithful to the same to the end. His wife was born in Massillon, Stark Co., Ohio. She was converted to God Jan. 1880. She availed herself of the opportunities of getting a good education. She taught nine terms of district school prior to their marriage. She has followed teaching in Berne, Ind., the primary department, since Sept. 1894 with exceptional success. She is an active member of the Ev. Association in Berne, Ind., having served as president of the Woman's Missionary Society for 3 years, and as teacher of the S. School for 10 years. The following two sons are the fruit of this union:—

1. Herman Franklin Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Herman F. was initiated to the trials of this life Jan. 15, 1892, on the old homestead, two miles S. E. of Vera Cruz, Ind. He is now receiving an education in the Berne Public school. He is an industrious boy, during vacations he has worked on farms and in groceries, and will make his mark some day in the world. He united with the Ev. Association in the winter of 1905. He became a member of an orchestra in Berne, 1908, and took up the study of playing the violincello.

2. Leslie Abraham Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Leslie A. began his earthly career, after his father's death, in Vera Cruz, Ind., in the old Ev. Parsonage, Sept. 26, 1893. He is now attending Public school in Berne, Ind. He also has worked on the farm during vacations and is fond of animals and farm life. He united with the Ev. Association in the winter of 1904. He became a

member of an orchestra in Berne, 1908, and is the piano accompanist.

(E). Frederick Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Frederick was born Feb. 1, 1859, and died of cholera infantum Sept. 30, same year.

(F.) Samuel Henry Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Indianapolis, Ind. Minister.

Samuel H. commenced his earthly life Mar. 2, 1860. He could only attend district school irregularly until his eighteenth year, Oct. 1878, when he began attending the graded school in Linn Grove, Ind., and continued for two consecutive terms of six months' each. This was really the beginning of his school life. In the fall of 1880, he attended the ten weeks' County Normal in Decatur, Ind., including the County Institute. Succeeding in getting a six months teachers' license, he applied to Trustee C. Ashbaucher for district school No. 7, in French township, Adams Co., Ind., commonly called the "Schlatter" school. He taught this school three consecutive terms of six months each. In the interim he worked on the farm, until the County Normal opened, which he attended, and each time increased his license by six months. He very much enjoyed teaching, and gave general satisfaction to pupils and patrons. But feeling the need of a more extensive and thorough education than the County Normal could offer, he concluded to enter, Sept. 1883, "North Western College," at Naperville, Ill., the Mecca of learning of the Evangelical Association. He took up the English Scientific course of four years, graduating in June 1887. These were years of hard mental work, but fruitful in gaining knowledge, and social culture, and religious enthusiasm, which of were great utility for his future life-work, the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ.

He often deplored the fact that he was not willing to accept salvation in his youth and become interested in religious work, and early develop Christian character, and accumulate religious knowledge. For every year spent in sin is a loss to permanent usefulness in future religious activities. He was converted to God, Jan. 31, 1881, in a gracious revival held in the Linn Grove Ev. Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Roederer, of Newville Circuit, as it was then called. It was high time, for one night when the claim of salvation was pressed upon him by his cousin John J. Baumgartner, near Linn Grove, the Spirit spoke to him, like an audible voice of a man, "Now or never". Almost instantly he looked to God for help, rose to his feet, walked out to the altar of prayer, and for eight days sought earnestly for pardon of sin, and a new heart, when faith took hold of God's promises, and the peace of God began to flow into his soul, increasing in volume, as a stream does by the continued rain-

fall. In Feb., with a crowd of others, he united with the Ev. Association, in the Linn Grove Church, and became a member of the Vera Cruz class. In the summer following he was baptized by pouring, in the Wabash river, at Linn Grove, below the dam, having knelt in the water, Rev. I. B. Fisher, pastor of St. Mary's circuit, near Decatur, officiated.

When his father died on Mar. 22, 1881, a vacancy in the class leadership in the Country class occurred, and on the Board of Trustees of the Vera Cruz church. Soon thereafter a class-leader election was held, and to his great surprise the duty that father had performed over twenty years fell on him with an almost crushing burden, which he can not describe; and soon thereafter he was also elected a trustee in father's stead. Young, inexperienced and weak, with fear and trembling, and some misgivings, he took up the cross, and served in this capacity for two and one-half years, when he started off to College. He was of a very timid disposition, and often greatly trembled when he had to lead prayer and class meetings. For over a year his timidity was often a real torture to him, when the time for leading meetings came, but gradually wore off, though not entirely free yet, especially when he must preach before certain classes of people and preachers.

He soon felt the call to the sacred ministry, and after many severe struggles within himself about this matter, continuing for a year and a half, on a Monday afternoon, after listening to an earnest appeal for workers on the previous Sunday evening in a Y. M. C. Association meeting led by Rev. J. Lerch, the matter was brought to a head, in his own room, by making a proposition to God for a clear and definite understanding of the Divine call to the ministry. God took him up on his own proposition. That Monday night, for the first time, for a year and a half, after retiring at the usual time, he immediately fell into a sweet and quiet sleep, whereas before it was a rolling and tossing from one side to the other from one to three hours. The next morning the struggle was over, quietude reigned within, the evidence to the Divine call was perfectly clear, and studying again became a pleasure greater than ever, and to this day he has not doubted his call to this high and holy calling.

After graduating in June 1887, he moved with his wife to West Point, Huntington Co., Ind., to help serve Wabash Mission, (which then included West Point), as per appointment by Bishop J. J. Esher, at the conference session held in Rochester, Ind. Rev. C. C. Beyrer was appointed preacher in charge. The next year West Point and Bethel Classes were detached from Wabash Mission, and he was placed in charge of the new mission. From Apr. 1889 to 1891 he served Bunker Hill circuit in Miami and Howard Counties. From

Apr. 1891 to 1892 he served Rochester station, in Rochester, Ind. From Apr. 1892 to 1894 he served Kendallville Mission, which comprised the city of Kendallville and the town of Avilla, both in Noble Co., Ind. Then from 1894 to 1898 he had charge of Ft. Wayne Mission, where under his administration a \$2,000 church lot was bought, and a \$13,000 church and a \$2,000 parsonage built. From Apr. 1898 to 1899 he served Wabash Mission, and in Apr. 1899 he was elected presiding elder for four years, and stationed on Elkhart District, which he served four years. In Apr. 1903 he was re-elected as presiding elder for another four years, and served Ft. Wayne district two years, and Elkhart district two. In Apr. 1907 he was stationed to the First Church of the Ev. Asso. in Indianapolis, Ind. He also served the Indiana Conference eight years as secretary, resigned the ninth time, being elected presiding elder. He is now serving the ninth year as a member on the Board of Conference Trustees, and during this time represented the conference three years on the Board of Trustees of North Western College and Union Biblical Institute, at Naperville, Ill. Four times was he elected as delegate to the General Conference of the Ev. Association, held respectively at Elgin, Ill., St. Paul, Minn., Berlin, Canada, and Milwaukee, Wis., in Oct. 1895, 1899, 1903 and 1907. Thrice he represented the Conference on the General Board of Missions of the Church. Many interesting facts pertaining to the ministry might be said but modesty refrains.

Not desiring to go through life alone, he wooed Kezzie Keiper, daughter of Rev. Jacob Keiper of the Ev. Association, now of the united Ev. Church, and was united with her in marriage June 22, 1886, in the College Chapel, in Naperville, Ill., in the presence of about forty invited guests, President H. H. Rassweiler tying the nuptial knot. She was born Sept. 6, 1860, in Muscatine, Iowa. Her father being an itinerant minister, she lived in various parts in Iowa, Indiana and Ohio. From Van Wert, Ohio, which was his last charge, they moved in 1873 to Naperville, Ill., where she continued to live until in June 1887. She was converted to God at the age of ten, and united with the Ev. Asso., while they lived in Benton, Elkhart Co., Ind. She is also a graduate of North Western College, having completed the English Scientific course in June, 1882. She also took a term and a half of oil painting and crayon work, in the Art department, in the same college; and was also an active member of the "Musical Union" of the college, and teacher in the College Chapel Sunday-school for some years. While at Bunker Hill, she took quite an active part in "Woman's Christian Temperance Union" work. For many years she has been active in "Woman's Missionary Society" work in local societies, and in the Ind. Conf. Branch W. M. S. work, in which she served two years as corresponding secretary, five years

as vice pres., and five years as president, until failing health necessitated her to draw back from public activities. Two times was she elected as delegate of the Ind. Conf. Branch W. M. S., to the General Missionary quadrennial meetings held at Dayton, Ohio, and Tiffin, Ohio. As a S. S. teacher and Young People's Alliance worker, she has always met with good success, and has always nobly stood by her husband in the soul-saving work, as strength and health permitted. To them is born one son:—

1. Hope Leroy Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Indianapolis, Ind.



H. L. Baumgartner.

Hope L. was initiated into the earthly life in Rochester, Ind., Aug. 6, 1891. He enjoyed good school advantages, which began in Ft. Wayne. He graduated from the Grammer school in Elkhart in June 1905, having for his graduating subject, "History of the American Navy". Then he attended two years high school in Elkhart, and moving to Indianapolis with his parents in 1907, he is now attending third year high school there. Being strongly musically inclined he began taking music lessons when nine years old, first on the organ, then at eleven he began taking piano lessons at irregular periods of time, and one summer elementary harmony. He is since 1907 attend-

ing "The Indianapolis Conservatory of Music", where he continues his piano work and harmony, with commendable success. He began composing sacred and instrumental music in his eleventh year, and has now a number published. He was baptized Mar. 17, 1892 by Rev. D. Martz, then presiding elder of Elkhart Dist. He received the evidence that he was a child of God at the age of five, after praying for it. He united with the Church of his parents at Elkhart, Ind., in the Division St. Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Thom. Finkbeiner, at the age of eight years. He is of an industrious, ambitious disposition, rather works than play. With a small printing outfit he has earned enough to pay for his piano and is earning the greater portion of his musical education. He is now (1908) teaching piano.

(G.) Christina Baumgartner, Vance, (Fourth Generation).

Christina was born Aug. 5, 1861. She only attended district school, and had in consequence only a limited education. She was converted to God under the pastorate of Rev. J. K. Troyer, when ten years old. She also at this time united with the Ev. Ass., and became a very active personal worker, winning quite a number for Christ. For several years she was under a cloud concerning her acceptance before God, which sorely depressed her, but she held on to God, until new light and evidence streamed into her soul, and she became firmly established in the faith. She became the wife of Dr. U. S. Vance, Dec. 1894, Rev. N. J. Platz performing the wedding act. Early in the spring she contracted a serious cold and cough, by some mysterious way, which developed into quick consumption, as Dr. Vance declared, which other Drs. however, who had known her for many years, greatly doubted. She peacefully fell asleep, after intense suffering, Aug. 14, 1895. She possessed strong winning qualities, and lived scrupulously consistent with her moral convictions. She was a prominent S. S. and Woman's Missionary Society worker in her local Church. For many years she followed Gents tailoring, first in Elkhart, Ind., but later in Bluffton, Ind. In her habits of life she was strictly honest, industrious, economic and liberal towards the needy.

(H.) Sarah Ann Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Sarah A. was born Oct. 6, 1865, and died of diphtheria Oct. 14, 1878. She had a feeble constitution, but was bright intellectually, with strong religious tendencies. She was converted when eleven years old, under the pastorate of Rev. J. Miller, and also united with her parents' Church. She died with conscious acceptance before God.

(I.) Lucinda Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Lucinda was born Dec. 24, 1867, and died of diphtheria Aug. 28, 1878. She was a strong robust girl, full of activity, but suddenly she was prostrated by the aforesaid ailment, and in a few days succumbed, with these words, "Weep not for me, we will meet again in heaven."

Chapter III.

Sec. XI.

Maria Baumgartner, Bixler, (Third Generation).

Maria was welcomed to this world Sept. 4, 1820. Her birthplace was also Jura, Buderich Graben, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland. She moved to America with her parents in 1837, first settled with them in Wayne Co., Ohio, and two years later to Indiana. For a while she kept house for her brother Samuel until she became the wife of Peter Bixler in 1848. His father bought them an 80 acre farm near her brothers in French township, Adams Co., Ind., and immediately after marriage they moved on it. About 1882 they sold the farm and bought another two miles N. W. of Berne, where they remained a few years, until he could farm no more. Then they sold out and bought property in the town of Berne, Ind., where after a few years she died Jan. 25, 1897. He died a few years later in Wayne Co., Ohio, where he had gone to live with his relatives. They were both devoted members of the Mennonite Church. She, like her sister, Elizabeth, was a great lover of flowers. She was a very sociable and accommodating woman, which fact made her many friends. Their earthly departure was peaceful, and with the assurance of eternal life. They never had any children.

Chapter IV.

Christian Baumgartner, (Second Generation), Bookbinder.

Christian was the second son of Deacon David Baumgartner (our ancestral father), by his second wife, hence he was a half-brother to Rev. David Baumgartner. He was born somewhere in Canton Bern, Switzerland, the exact date of birth could not be found, but his half-brother was born Jan. 25, 1765, so he was probably born in 1768. He was a bookbinder by trade, and when he became a widower, he lived with his son John. When his son John was very sick in 1848, his (John's) wife fell into a well holding herself firmly on the edge of the well, and called for help. Old Christian heard her call, ran out, saw her perilous condition and succeeded in helping her out before she lost her grip. In 1849 he moved with his son John to Fluh, on a high mountain, where he remained until his son died, which was a severe blow to him, now being quite aged. His son's wife then decided to immigrate to America, so he moved to his daughter Katharina in 1851, who also lived at Fluh. Here he no doubt died. (From Dr. C. C. B.'s historical sketch).

Chapter IV.

Sec. 1.

John Baumgartner, (Third Generation), Teacher and Bookbinder.

John was the only son of Christian. The exact time and place of his birth could not be found, except that he was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, about the beginning of the nineteenth century. His son Dr. C. C. said of him, in his life sketch, that he was a small crippled man with eyes of fire; that he had been a student in Oberwyl, and began his life-work as school teacher; but because his associates in the faith were bitterly opposed to all that was new, and adhered to ways a century old, he gave up teaching, though he had a splendid talent for it, and possessed excellent knowledge in this line of work, and governing qualities. His reproofs in the school room were pointed and effective, and commanded great respect and quick obedience; but he was also kind in the home, and had a meek spirit.

The Dr. further remarked that some of his father's fellow citizens, at this time, looked on Science as a Sodomish fruit, and prayed God to protect their children from studying arithmetic and grammar, because they were unacquainted with such things in their youth. He carefully directed the inclinations of his sons, particularly the Dr.'s because he had from childhood a feeble body. In 1848 he became critically ill, all doubted his recovery, he himself also, therefore he gave his sons his parting counsel with deep feeling and effect, which they promised with tears to heed. By request of grandfather the Dr. prayed in his childish way to spare his father's life, which was granted.

In the fall of 1849 he moved with his family to Fluh, on a high mountain. In 1851 he again took seriously ill with dropsy of the heart, which baffled the skill of the best doctors. A few days before his death he wrote with a lead pencil his last exhortation to his sons, which they treasured up and heeded, though not always as carefully as they should have done. After two months of sickness he died June 6, 1851, with full assurance of eternal life. His body rests in the cemetery at Sornetan, Rev. David Nussbaum officiated at the funeral services. He was married to Katharina Lehman, who after immigrating to America, became the wife to Rev. Christian Baumgartner. To them were born the following children:—

(A). John Jacob Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation). Soldier.

Jacob, as he was usually called, was born in 1839 in Orange, Dachsfielden, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was tall, handsome and quite a musician. With his mother he came to America in 1852, first staying with friends in Wayne Co., Ohio, and after seven weeks resumed their trip to Adams Co., Ind., first living with his uncle Peter Lehman near where Berne is now located. After his mother's second marriage in Dec. 1852, he made his home with Samuel Baumgartner, the writer's father. He had a good German education. When the Civil War broke out in the United States, he volunteered to serve in the Federal Army, 44th Ind. Vol. Co. He was wounded in the battle of Chicamauga, which lasted two days, and was fought Sept. 19-20, 1863, in which the Federal Army was partly routed; but under Gen. Thomas was, after a hard fight successful in completely routing the Confederates. It seems he was taken prisoner when the Federal Army was first unsuccessful, and was taken to Andersonville prison, the history of which is indescribably gruesome, where he died from lack of proper care and starvation.

(B). Rev. Dr. Christian Cleophas Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Rev. Dr. C. C. Baumgartner.

Cleophas, as he was commonly called, began his eventful life in Orange, Dachsfielden, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 2, 1842. He received a good education; he read print readily at the age of four years. In his youth he was weakly. He was a boy of much wit and humor and did many humorous things, as the sketch of his early life shows. Concerning his singing talents, he says, he had none at the age of eight. Mother tried to teach him melodies, noticing in a song book many songs headed "After its own melody", he thought that is the book that suits him to sing his own melodies, which he did for hours, that, as he says, it was

terrible to listen to them. Later he became a good singer, and an able instructor in vocal music through life. He was naturally inclined to Literature and History, reading early in life Bunyan's Pil-

grimage, Stilling's Works, Huebner's Biblical History, History of Turkish Wars, and of Switzerland, and Natural History.

He began going to school at six, to his father. At this age he also read French and was one of the best in a class of boys thirteen years old. In the fall of 1849 he moved with his parents to Fluh. The high mountains awakened poetic feelings in him, which at times gave way to poetic work. Close by their house was a beautiful waterfall, beneath which were fish, and in his eagerness to catch them he fell in, and had not his brother been with him, and called for help, which brought his parents to the scene, he would have drowned. Here he often would catch crabs and unceremoniously eat them raw, for this mother often had to punish him, to brake him of it.

The death of his father caused him many tears. Soon thereafter his mother decided to go to America, believing she could do better for her children. On Mar. 10, 1852, they left for America. He says in his sketch, "that it went quite hard to leave old home, friends, and the blue Jura mountains." After five days' tarry at Havre, they boarded the ship "Gentleman of Norfolk". After forty-two days' rocking on the billowy ocean they reached the new world at eventide in Manhattan bay, New York. Of the 160 passengers, all took seasick except three, of which he was one. He describes the harbor as follows, "The lights of New York and Brooklyn cast their light upon the ship, to the right were seen the palaces of Castle Garden, and the light house of Sandy Hook, to the left was Ft. Lafayette, with her 200 cannons, looking threatening upon the placid waters; and the masts of the ships in New York harbor numbered thousands, looking like a large piece of timber, making an imposing scene. Back of these were the green ocean waves, with numerous ships and pilot-boats, that noiselessly run too and fro, like swans." Many sad thoughts came to him when he thought of the Fatherland, severed friendship, alpine scenes, glaciers, and the fantastic colors of the morning and evening sun playing on them, and never to hear again the ringing of church bells on Sunday morning, with the indescribable beautiful echoing and re-echoing among the mountains. Now lay before him a new untried world, with an unknown language and customs. But past memories could not thwart their purpose. In the morning after their arrival they larded, and in the evening of the same day, the steamship "Henry Hudson" was boarded, and the next morning they arrived in Albany, N. Y. From here they went to Buffalo by railroad, then on the steamship "Diamond" to Cleveland, O., and then on through Massillon to the much praised Sugar Creek township, in Wayne Co., Ohio, where friends royally received them. After seven weeks' tarrying in Ohio, they left for Indiana, their fixed destiny. Going back to Cleveland, they took voyage on

lake Erie on the "Sandusky" to Toledo, and then per cana¹ to Ft. Wayne, Ind., and the next day they arrived at Rev. Christian Baumgartner's, near Vera Cruz, Ind. It was summer.

The country was yet wild, wolves unmelodiously howled at night that made them feel fearful, the owls hooted, that almost raised a stranger's hair for fear not knowing what it was. His mother and brother were both working out near the home of his uncle Peter Lehman, with whom they first lived. He was left alone a good share of the time, with little enjoyment for his nature. There were no new books to read, re-reading old ones became obnoxious. He felt neglected, especially in the matter of teaching him English. Farming had no charms for him. Studying books was his delight. After his mother's marriage in Dec. to Rev. C. Baumgartner, he again had a pleasant home, and could now attend English school, which was his great desire, and he made rapid progress. His third teacher, named Nelson, found delight calling him "dutchman". At a spelling school across the river, he and his teacher were on hand. The teacher headed one side of the spelling match. When choosing was over, he was asked if there were others of his school present, when he sneeringly said there was yet a dutchman here. Amidst laughter he was called. He took his place determined to win. Soon one after an other was spelled down by him, and last his teacher also. His friend J. L. Steiner hurried for the dutchman, three cheers were given him. The Studabaker's, Markley's and Miller's congratulated him to the discomfort of his teacher, who thereafter ceased calling him Dutchman.

In April 1855, he went to school in Bluffton. This was a happy time for him. Everybody was kind to him. At leisure hours he often sat by the Wabash river fishing, and thinking of the Indians, when Red Jacket and Tecumseh lived along the stream; and of the camp fires of the Shawnees and Delawares that lived under old Sycamore trees, smoking their pipes, and with tomahawks in hand, gave the war cry to the terror of new settlers. Here he also soon ranked first in class-work and spelling. His combatants were John McBride, Daniel Bulger, Mary Jane Studabaker and Edwin Clark. His attachment to his fellow scholars was tender; when the time for separation came he wrote, "Farewell my friends, a long and loving farewell until we meet in a better land."

He was now thirteen years old. It was decided that he must be a school teacher. He took an examination, but failed by reason of being examined in books he had not studied. He re-took the examination four days later, passed satisfactorily, received his license, and joyously returned home. Now followed teaching with many amusing and aggravating experiences. He had to deal with grown scholars

who were as ignorant in some things as brutes, ill-mannered and unable to learn. His first school was the one at home, which he taught two winters. His motives were often misunderstood, was persecuted and slandered, but he never gave up but always maintained his credit. Few experience so much of real life in so short time as he did. He also taught on Muensterberg, Adams Co., where some of his scholars went with him to school in Switzerland. Here he was more appreciated. Here he had a fine singing class. When school was out he was almost a physical wreck, the tension was too much for his weak constitution. But regaining his health during the summer, he again taught the same school the winter following. When this school closed, he taught the school Dist. No. 3 located on the N. E. corner of Samuel Baumgartner's farm, known as the election school house of French township.

At different times he was called upon as interpreter before the Court. As a youth from 14-16 years old he often wrote attacks on wrong and defended right. Profanity was awful, slanders many, the neighborhood was like a volcano, not knowing what minute the lava of persecution would pour forth. He says, there was in reality a religious war in progress. His attack on the inconsistencies of church members induced one "Strahm" to say that he was a denier of God, an infidel, but could not prove it. In presidential campaigns he took an active part supporting the Democratic party. He often debated with opponents, but later in life he espoused the faith of Republicanism.

At this time ague raged throughout the country. It was at this time that he felt a strong desire to study medicine, to which he also yielded. When he taught his first school a Rev. Klein, of Tiffin, Ohio, urged him to enter the Reformed Seminary there. But he had no inclination to become a preacher, realizing how wrong it was to preach to suit the motives of the world. In May 27, 1859, age 17, he left home with the parents' consent, without a recommendation, or a guarantee for means to pay for his tuition, hopefully looking to God for a way, he went to Wayne Co., Ohio. His parents promised him some support. First he found a place for studying medicine in Akron, Ohio, in the home of S. W. Bartges. Here he also met Dr. Barrick which he considered providential. He began practicing medicine in Wayne Co., Ohio, and remained there until 1865, when he moved to Lion Grove, Ind., where he practiced ten years with great ability and satisfaction to the public. He became known near and far as a professional. He was often called by other doctors for counsel, in cases where he effected cures where others failed.

While Rev. John Fuchs was pastor on Newville Circuit of the M. E. Association, holding a meeting in the New-Light church near

Linn Grove, he was seized with conviction, was converted to God and then united with the Ev. Association at said place. He continued following his profession, but soon felt the call to the Ministry of the Gospel. He received license as preacher on probation in the fall of 1870, but continued his medical profession, until the fall of 1875, when he entered the active ministry, receiving for his field Wabash Mission. The Lord sealed his work and call by giving him marked success, and many souls for his hire. He took up an appointment in the Speicher settlement near Urbana, and many were converted and were organized into a class of the Evangelical Association. He served this Mission until April 1878. Then he served Elkhart, Division St. society one year, when in April 1879 he was elected presiding elder, and stationed on Indianapolis district, which he served four years, living two years in Indianapolis, and two in Wabash. He was re-elected to the office in 1883, and stationed unto Elkhart district, which he served four years, living meanwhile in Elkhart, Ind. Through an injury received on his right knee he became crippled and disabled for ministerial work and hence in the spring of 1887 he located. He again took up the medical profession in Elkhart, Ind., and continued until he died of liver trouble, superinduced by gallstone, Sept. 3, 1902.

His preaching was uniquely peculiar to himself. His Scriptural insight was clear and comprehensive, his descriptive powers strong, his delivery easy and with fervency and feeling, his preaching biblical, instructive and effective. He was eminently qualified for the ministry, using a perfect German and English, and was a well read man on sciences, and issues of the day. He was also an occasional contributor of religious articles to the Church papers. He was a careful counselor, and on the conference floor his word had effect. Two years he served as conference secretary, and twice he was a delegate to General Conference of the Ev. Association.

He was married to Barbara Lehman, of Sugar Creek township, Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 8, 1863, by Rev. Ulrich Sommer of the Menonite Church, of which they were members. She was born Oct. 4, 1843. She was a faithful wife to him in the family and the ministerial life. She was also converted to God under the labors of John Fuchs the time he was. She had only a common school education, but made good use of it. She still resides in Elkhart, with her oldest son William, where she is an honored member of the now First Church of the Ev. Asso. To them were born the following children: all born in Linn Grove, Ind., excepting the first, which was born in Wayne Co., Ohio.

1. William H. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Elkhart, Ind.
Carriage Trimmer.

William H. made his debut on the stage of life Jan 2, 1865. He received his education in various schools where his parents lived, Linn Grove, Wabash, Elkhart and Indianapolis. When they lived the second time in Wabash he became delivery boy and clerk in a grocery store. And when he moved to Elkhart with his parents in April 1883, he began carriage trimming in the "Elkhart Pratt Buggy Factory" where he has since worked continuously under the same foreman. This is a fine record and is good evidence of his excellent workmanship. He united with the Ev. Association in 1887, and is now a member of the First Church of the Ev. Asso. in the city. For his life-companion he chose Barbara Ruch, of Elkhart, Ind., to whom he was married May 24, 1888, Rev. M. W. Steffey solemnizing the wedding act. She was born near Harrison Center, Elkhart Co., Ind., Nov. 28, 1865. She obtained a good education. She became a member of the Ev. Association at the age of seventeen, and has ever since remained an active member of the Church, serving as S. S. teacher for many years very successfully, and ably filled other offices in the church. She has also availed herself of the opportunity of taking voice culture for singing under Mrs. Rev. Brown, a first class vocal teacher. They have no children.

2. Dr. Albert J. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Elkhart, Ind.

Albert J. entered the joys of life July 11, 1867. He attended public school at the following places respectively, Linn Grove, Wabash, Elkhart, Indianapolis, Wabash and Elkhart in Indiana. He clerked in Goldman's Drug store from 1884 to 1892. He entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, Illinois, in 1892, and graduated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1895. He began practicing medicine with his father in Elkhart, Ind., in 1895, under the name "Baumgartner & Son", and continued until his father's death in 1902. After this in 1903 he took a position as Corresponding Dr. and Medical adviser at Dr. Miles' Dispensary of Elkhart, Ind., at a good salary, meeting with commendable success. He is also a member of the State Medical Society. He also availed himself of the opportunities of obtaining a good education in vocal music under the instruction of Prof. McHenry, of Elmira, New York, and is now one of the popular singers in Elkhart, singing on various occasions, and is a member of a noted male quartett and the splendid choir of the Congregational Church in Elkhart, of which he is also a member. Politically he is a loyal son of the Republican party. He is also a member of the

Elks lodge. He was united in marriage with Gertrude Bickel, of Elkhart, Ind., December 1903. She was born in Elkhart Dec. 25, 1877. She graduated from the Elkhart High School in 1896. After this she entered the Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio, and has become a popular soprano singer in the city, and is the very successful choir director in the Congregational Church, of which she also is a member.

3. Rufus L. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Rufus L. was born in Linn Grove, Ind., Sept. 12, 1869, and died May 11, 1871.

4. Emma E. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Emma E. was born in Linn Grove, Ind., Oct. 4, 1872, and died Dec. 16, 1873.

5. Ruben R. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Toledo, Ohio.

Ruben R. entered the race of life in Linn Grove, Ind., Dec. 6, 1874. He enjoyed fine school privileges in Elkhart, Indianapolis, Wabash and Elkhart again. He attended the Elkhart High School for a while. But not wishing to complete the High School work he quit, and began working in the office of the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan R. R. in Elkhart. Later he became a passenger brakeman for seven months on the L. S. and M. S. R. R. After this he took a position as clerk in the J. J. Huffman Wholesale Grocery store, and continued with him for about five years. He proved himself a very capable man in this work. Next he availed himself of the opportunity of salesman for the Miles' Medical Co., and traveled for the Co. for three years, with honor to himself and the Co., doing very efficient and satisfactory work. Being necessitated to be away almost constantly from home, he gave up the work and for a while traveled for a Chair Factory. In 1902, Dec. 18th, he entered matrimonial life with Louisa Lovejoy, of Elkhart, Ind. For about three years they have lived in Toledo, Ohio, where he is employed in an Automobile Factory.

(C and D.) Christian David and John Peter Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Christian D. and John P. were born in Dachsfielden, Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1846. J. P. only lived eleven days, and C. D. followed a few weeks later.

Chapter IV.

Sec. II.

Katharina Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

Katharina, and aunt to Dr. C. C. B., was born somewhere in Canton Bern, Switzerland, time not known. She may have been older than her brother John. According to a statement by Dr. C. C. Baumgartner in his sketch of his childhood and boyhood days, she lived on a high mountain, a place called "Fluh" with her children, to which place the doctor's father moved in 1849. The Dr. in the sketch speaks of having played with her children, but the writer could not find anything further concerning her, or her children, in his sketch, nor to whom she was married.

Chapter IV.

Sec. III.

Elizabeth Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

Elizabeth was a daughter of Christian Baumgartner of Chapter 4 and sister to John and Katharina. This the writer has from Christian Baumgartner, of Pandora, Ohio, who claims she was a daughter of Christian, a brother to his grandfather Peter B.

Chapter V.

Barbara Baumgartner, Moser, (Second Generation).

Barbara began her earthly journey in Canton Bern, Switzerland about 1768 or 69. She died in the seventies. She was a full sister of Christian B. of Chapter IV, and a half-sister of Rev. David B. of Chapter III. The writer has failed in getting any further reliable facts of her personal life. Her descendants are quite numerous, scattered in Switzerland, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and other places. She became the wife of Dr. John Moser, who lived on a high mountain, close to Moutier, called Champoz. The time of marriage is not known. In 1721 Hans Moser, grandfather of Dr. John, had to flee from a hospital in Bern, Switzerland, where he was employed as a nurse, on account of being a Mennonite, which were then severely persecuted. He fled to Petit Champoz, in Canton Bern, and there began practicing medicine. He had a son Ulrich, who had four sons, John or "Hans", Christian, Ulrich and David. John became a doctor, and was commonly called "Champoz Hans", with "z" silent, who married Barbara B. To them were born near Moutier, Jacob, John, David, Abraham, Lizzie and Maryann.

Chapter V.

Sec I.

Jacob Moser, (Third Generation).

Jacob was born in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1799, and died May 1, 1850, when Sarah, his daughter, the writer's informant, was twelve years old. He was united in marriage with Magdalena Welty, April 26, 1826. He was professionally a doctor, known as Champoz Jacob. He was also a bookbinder, according to a statement by Jacob Moser, of Lima, Ohio. To them were born in above named place the following children:—

(A). Benjamin Moser, (Fourth Generation), Moutier, Switzerland.

Benjamin first saw the light of this world May 12, 1828, in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was married to Katharina von Käusl, date of marriage not given. In his younger days he was a school teacher. Thereafter for many years he was secretary and Supt. of a large Watch Factory in Moutier. He now lives a retired life. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Two sons were born to them in above place; namely,

1. William Arnold Moser, (Fifth Generation).

William A. was born Apr. 27, 1864. Nothing more could be learned of him.

2. John Otto Sigmund Moser, (Fifth Generation).

John O. S. began his earthly life June 1, 1874. He was united in marriage with Anna Maria Kath. Huber. Time not given. To them is born,

a. Max, July 8, 1905. (Sixth Generation).

(B.) Rachel Moser, Schaffter, (Fourth Generation), Moutier, Switzerland.

Rachel was born Sept. 23, 1830 in Petit Champoz, Moutier, Switzerland. She was married to Aug. Schaffter in 1859. He was born in 1835, and died in 1875. She belonged to the Reformed church. He also belonged to this church up to his death. The following children were given them, all born in Canton Bern, Switzerland:—

1. Augusta Schaffter, Gueriad, (Fifth Generation), Switzerland.

Augusta entered upon the path of life June 13, 1860. She was married to M. Gueriad Sept. 29, 1884. He was born in 1853 and died June 13, 1904. To them were born in Canton Bern, Switzerland:—

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| a. | Elvania U. B., | June 13, 1885. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. | Victor, | Sept. 1, 1887. | " " |
| c. | Helena H. | May 11, 1890. | " " |
| d. | Rachel A., | Dec. 23, 1895. | " " |
| e. | John M., | Jan. 10, 1897. | " " |

2. Elisa Schaffter, Racine, (Fifth Generation), Switzerland.

Elisa began her earthly journey Feb. 22, 1863. She became the wife of Julius Racine, March 3, 1893. He was born Nov. 1, 1870, and died July 23, 1903. To them were born:—

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| a. | George, | Dec. 15, 1895. | (Sixth Generation). |
| b. | Frederic, | Feb. 8, 1897. | " " |
| c. | Ferdinand, | Mar. 19, 1899. | " " |
| | | died Nov. 23, 1899. | |

3. Dina Schaffter, Fink, (Fifth Generation), Switzerland.

Dina was admitted to this life Nov. 17, 1867. She was united in marriage with John Fink Nov. 13, 1897. He was born Dec. 17, 1865. To them is born in Canton Bern, Switzerland:—

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| a. | Magdalena, | June 31, 1902. | (Sixth Generation). |
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(C). Judith Moser, Logenbill, (Fourth Generation), El-Reno, Okla.

Judith entered the path of life July 22, 1833. She immigrated to America with her uncle David Moser in 1853, settling in Wayne Co., Ohio. Here she entered the marriage life with Daniel Logenbill, a farmer, on Oct. 6, 1855. They moved to Morgan Co., Mo., in 1868. He died April 3, 1892, at the age of 58 years, 9 months and 12 days. Both were faithful members of the Mennonite Church. She still lives, and is living with some of her children now in Okla. The following children were born to them:—

1. Rosa A. Logenbill, Neuenschwander, (Fifth Generation), Ness City, Kansas.

Rosa A. began her existence in Wayne Co., Ohio, Sept. 14, 1856. Her school privileges were limited to common schools. She entered matrimonial life with Christian Neuenschwander, of Morgan Co., Mo., who is a successful farmer. They are members of the Mennonite Church. They are blessed with the following children all born in Morgan Co., Mo.

a. Sybilla,	Aug. 3, 1880.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Calvin,	Mar. 24, 1882.	" "
c. Daniel,	Jan. 21, 1884.	" "
d. Menno,	Nov. 3, 1885.	" "
e. Martha,	Dec. 29, 1887.	" "
f. Ora,	Feb. 22, 1890.	" "
g. Otto,	Sept. 4, 1891.	" "
h. Delila,	Dec. 8, 1892.	" "
i. Ida,	May 12, 1894.	" "
j. Lorenz,	Sept. 4, 1895.	" "
k. Esther,	Nov. 4, 1896.	" "
l. Katherine,	June 16, 1900.	" "
m. Ernst,	Dec. 23, 1902.	" "

2. Dina E. Logenbill, Meshberger, (Fifth Generation), El-Reno, Oklahoma.

Dina began her earthly life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Feb. 10, 1858. She has a common school education. She is a member of the Mennonite Church. She assisted as a missionary in Cantonment, Indian Territory, for a while. Here she was married to Jacob Meshberger, Sept. 2, 1888. He was born Nov. 18, 1857, near Linn Grove, Ind. He is a farmer. The following children are born to them:—

a. Daniel B.,	Aug. 15, 1889.	(Sixth Generation).
b. Zilla J.,	Nov. 13, 1891.	" "
c. Zipora S.,	Sept. .., 1893.	" "
d. Rufus O.,	Dec. 23, 1895.	" "
e. Ada S.,	Feb. 23, 1898.	" "
f. Lois E.,	Aug. 10, 1900.	" "
g. Silas J.	Jan. 15, 1902.	" "

3. Martha S. Logenbill, Sprunger, (Fifth Generation), El-Reno, Oklahoma.

Martha S. arrived in this world in Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 13, 1859. She has a common school education. She is a member of the Mennonite Church. For some time she assisted in missionary work at Darlington, Oklahoma, where she also entered matrimonial life with Joel Sprunger Nov. 23, 1889. He was born near Berne, Ind., Aug. 17, 1858. Farming is their vocation. The following children came to their home, viz:—

a. Rosa,	May 16, 1892.	(Sixth Generation).
	died the same day.	
b. Omer S.,	Nov. 24, 1893.	" "
c. Eldon C.,	Nov. 21, 1894.	" "
	died Jan. .., 1895.	

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- d. Elda V., Apr. 13, 1897. (Sixth Generation).
 - e. Albert H., May 9, 1898. " "
 - f. Oscar J., Aug. 17, 1900. " "
died June 21, 1901.
 - g. Irene J., Sept. 28, 1902. " "

4. John W. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation), Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo.

John W. entered upon the arena of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 13, 1861. He had only rural school privileges. He is a member of the Mennonite Church where he resides. He was married with Sarah S. Gerber, of Morgan Co., Mo., Oct. 16, 1886. She was born June 17, 1867, and died Jan. 29, 1892. She was a member of the Mennonite Church. The following children were born to them, namely:—

- a. Arthur O., Dec. 13, 1888. (Sixth Generation).
died Sept. 17, 1896.
- b. Joseph H., June 20, 1890. " "
- c. Calvin, Jan. 16, 1892. " "
died June 17, 1892.

He was married the second time to Ida F. Rhodus July 20, 1893. She was born in Pike Co., Ill., Feb. 10, 1875. She is also a member of the Mennonite Church. To this union were born,

- a. Bessie E., July 14, 1894. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Samuel M., Sept. 4, 1895. " "
- c. Fannie M., May 19, 1897. " "
- d. Ella L., Feb. 17, 1898. " "
- e. Cecil O., Dec. 29, 1901. " "
- f. Roy E., Apr. 23, 1904. " "

5. Clara Loganbill, (Fifth Generation).

Clara was born in 1863, in Wayne Co., O., and died Nov. 9, 1869.

6. Marie S. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation), El-Reno, Okla.

Marie S. was initiated into this life in Wayne Co., Ohio, Dec. 25, 1865. Her school privileges were limited. She is a member of the Mennonite Church and lives a single life.

7. Joel E. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation).

Joel E. found a welcome into this world in Wayne Co., Ohio, April 10, 1867. He has had access to common schools. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. He has chosen the Bachelor's course of life. General farm work is his occupation.

8. Albert E. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation), Geary, Okla.

Albert E. entered upon the shifting scenes of life in Morgan Co., Mo., Mar. 5, 1869. His school privileges were common schools. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. He took to wife Miss Barbara Bixler from Wayne Co., Ohio, on 17th day of December 1891. The following children were welcomed to their home in Morgan Co., Mo.

- a. Effie F., Dec. 6, 1892. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Aldus C., Jan. 14, 1894. " "
- c. Orvilla M., June 17, 1895. " "
- d. Martha E., May 8, 1897. " "
- e. Daniel W., Oct. 10, 1898. " "
- f. Frieda K., Nov. 1, 1902. " "
- g. Daughter, Sept. 1906. " "

9. Ida M. Loganbill, Bentler, (Fifth Generation), Kansas.

Ida M. was admitted to the pathway of life in Morgan Co., Mo., Feb. 28, 1871. She only received a common school education. She is also a member of the Mennonite Church. She gave her hand in marriage to Albert Bentler, but the time could not be learned. They are blessed with three boys and two daughters, but their names and date of birth could not be found out.

10. Edmund F. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation), Okarche, Okla.

Edmund F. began his journey of life in Morgan Co., Mo., June 8, 1873. He only attended district schools. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. Not desiring to travel the path of life alone he chose as companion Sophia Neuenschwander to whom he was married Dec. 25, 1902. She was born in McPherson Co., Kan., May 1, 1880. To them were born in Canadian Co., Okla.

- a. Verna H., May 10, 1904. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Elma R., July 13, 1905. " "
- c. Everet E., June 6, 1906. " "
- died, Nov. 16, 1906. " "
- d. Christina M., Nov. 14, 1907. " "

11. Allen B. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation), Okarche, Okla.

Allen B. was introduced to the trials of this world in Morgan Co., Mo., Nov. 6, 1875. He also only had district school advantages. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. He was united in marriage with Katharine Kuntze, Dec. 4, 1895, in Morgan Co., Mo. She was born in Hickory Co., Mo. The following children are the fruit of this union, all born in Morgan Co., Mo.

- a. Elva M., Aug. 1896. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Amelia J., Aug. 24, 1898. " "
- c. Harvey J., Aug. 27, 1899. " "

12. Sarah E. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation).

Sarah E. was born in 1877, and died April 6, 1879.

(D). Sarah Moser, Loganbill, (Fourth Generation), Fortuna, Moniteau Co., Mo.

Sarah was initiated to the trials of life, June 6, 1836. She attended school both German and French, in Petit Champoz, where she was born, until 1853 when she came to America with her uncle David Moser, making her home with her uncle Nicolaus Gerber, in Wayne Co., Ohio. On Oct. 6, 1855, she entered into a matrimonial contract with John Loganbill, of Wayne Co., Ohio. The year previous she became identified with the Mennonite Church, and ever since lived a consistent life before God and man. They continued to live in Wayne Co., Ohio, until spring of 1866, when they moved to Morgan Co., Mo., where they still reside on a farm. She was for a number of years the president of the Young Girls' Sewing Society, which she very ably conducted until she was necessitated by reason of age to resign in 1905.

On Oct. 6, 1905, they were permitted to celebrate their golden wedding. This was a happy occasion for them, one that comes to few life companions. There were about one hundred guests present to enjoy the day with them. The exercises of the occasion consisted in a few appropriate addresses which were interspersed with songs, then followed a dinner prepared by their friends and neighbors. Their vocation is farming, in which he was quite successful. He was born Jan. 25, 1835 in Wayne Co., Ohio, and united with the Mennonite Church in 1854. The following children were welcomed to their family circle:—

1. Benjamine F. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation), Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo. R. F. D. 1.

Benjamine F. began the varieties of life in Wayne Co., Ohio, July 9, 1856. His school privileges were district schools, and he made good use of his school days. He was raised on the farm and became a practical and successful farmer. Not believing that it was good for man to travel the path of life alone, he chose for his life-companion Lizzie J. Lehman, to whom he was joined in wedlock on Jan. 22, 1885. Both are worthy members of the Mennonite Church. He is the Mission treasurer of his local Church Society and is also an acceptable teacher in the Sunday-school. His wife is now the vice president of the Woman's Sewing Society in the Church, and is also a worthy teacher in the Sunday-school. Their family circle is made happy with the following children born in Morgan Co., Mo.

- a. Alpha A. Loganbill, (Sixth Generation), Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo.

Alpha A. was the beginning of the family additions, beginning her pilgrimage Jan. 4, 1886. She has enjoyed good district school privileges, and is also a highly respected member of her parents' church. She holds the office of treasurer of the Women's Sewing Society, and teaches a class in the Sunday-school. She is yet single.

- b. Ella Cornelia Loganbill, (Sixth Generation), Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo.

Ella C. gladdened the family circle with her presence Oct. 2, 1890, but her stay on earth was brief, dying Dec. 11, 1891.

- c. Delbert C. Loganbill, (Sixth Generation), Versailles, Morgan Co., Mo.

Delbert C. made his appearance on the stage of action Nov. 2, 1893. He is now in quest of an education to fit him for the duties of a citizen.

2. Caroline E. Loganbill, Lehman, (Fifth Generation).

Caroline E. was born into the family circle Mar. 30, 1858, in Wayne Co., Ohio. She secured a fair education, and taught one term of German school for the special benefit of the children of Mennonite families. In youth she became a member of the Mennonite Church and lived consistent to her faith before God and man. On Feb. 5, 1885, she entered upon the matrimonial voyage with M. E. Lehman, who also was a member of her church. He was born June 24, 1854 in Wayne Co., Ohio. She died Feb. 9, 1901. To this union were born in Moniteau Co., Mo., the following children:—

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| a. | Hilda R, | Jan. 22, 1887. | (Sixth Generation). |
| | died, | Aug. 6, 1888. | |
| b. | Elma C., | Apr. 26, 1889. | " " |
| c. | Elvin R., | Feb. 22, 1891. | " " |
| d. | Della E., | " 23, 1893. | " " |
| e. | Ada C., | Nov. 29, 1895. | " " |
| f. | Lydia S., | July 10, 1900. | " " |
| | died, | Feb. 16, 1902. | |

3. Solomon M. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation).

Solomon M. also was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Aug. 24, 1859. He had a great desire for a good education, and succeeded well in getting one. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching school, and continued until death summoned him to the redeemed in Heaven. In youth he joined the Mennonite Church. He died Oct. 24, 1881.

4. Emilie M. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation).

Emilie M. was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Jan. 6, 1862, and died the same year Jan. 22.

5. William M. Loganbill, (Fifth Generation).

William M. was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Nov. 24, 1863, and died Sept. 6, 1864.

(E). Solomon Moser, (Fourth Generation).

Solomon was born about 1837. He was ambitious for an education. While in some College death called him from labor to reward. Time of death not learned.

(F). Dina Moser, Gerber, (Fourth Generation), Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio. R. F. D. 3.

Dina first saw the light of this world Aug. 19, 1839. She came to America with her uncle David Moser in 1853, and settled in Wayne Co., Ohio, making her home with her uncle Nicolaus Gerber. She obtained a fair German schooling. She became a member of the Mennonite Church in Ohio, and is still an honored member thereof. She was united in marriage with Mathias Gerber about 1861. He is a successful farmer and carpenter. Four children came to their home, all born in Wayne Co., Ohio.

1. Salome Gerber, Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation),

Salome was introduced to this life July 6, 1863. She received a common school education. She is a member of the old Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio. She married Simon P. Baumgartner.

2. Melinda Gerber, (Fifth Generation), Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Melinda entered the trials of life Nov. 12, 1864. She also obtained a common school education. She is a member of the Old Mennonite Church in Wayne Co., Ohio. She remained unmarried.

3. Valentine M. Gerber, (Fifth Generation), Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Valentine entered upon the stage of existence, Dec. 14, 1868. His school advantages were limited to common schools. He became a member of the Mennonite Church at the age of He is a carpenter by occupation. He entered the matrimonial life with Mary J. Hofstetter on December 18, 1890. She was born Sept. 27, 1865 in Wayne Co., Ohio. She also is a member of his Church. Seven children were given them as follows.

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|----|---------|-----------------|---------------------|---|--|
| a. | Allen, | June 9, 1894. | (Sixth Generation). | | |
| b. | Nelson, | May 4, 1895. | " | " | |
| c. | Emma, | Feb. 15, 1897. | " | " | |
| d. | Enos, | Sept. 16, 1898. | " | " | |
| | died, | Feb. 7, 1900. | | | |
| e. | Effie, | Mar. 7, 1901. | " | " | |
| f. | Merle, | Apr. 25, 1905. | " | " | |
| g. | Ora, | Sept. 3, 1907. | " | " | |

4. Jacob M. Gerber, (Fifth Generation), Dalton, Wayne Co., Ohio.

Jacob's earthly life dates from Sept. 1, 1872. He also only had common school privileges. He is a successful carpenter by occupation. He united with the Old Mennonite Church at the age of 19. His marriage life with Lina C. Sommer dates from June 1, 1895. She was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 6, 1874, and is also a member of his Church since 1892. To them were born the following children:—

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|----|--------|----------------|---------------------|---|--|
| a. | Susan, | Apr. 25, 1896. | (Sixth Generation). | | |
| b. | Hilda, | Sept. 4, 1898. | " | " | |
| c. | Eva, | July 21, 1900. | " | " | |
| d. | Eimer, | Nov. 4, 1903. | " | " | |
| e. | Otto, | Oct. 20, 1905. | " | " | |
| f. | Dina, | Nov. 28, 1907. | " | " | |
| | died, | Dec. 7, 1907. | | | |

Chapter V.

Sec. II.

John Moser, (Third Generation).

John was the second child of Barbara Moser, nee Baumgartner. He also was born in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, July 29, 1801. He was a turner by trade. He had a good German education, and also some French. He emigrated to America in 1852, and settled in Indiana, and died near Vera Cruz, Ind., some fifty years old. He was married about 1838 or 39, to Anna..... She died Nov. 25, 1868, aged 60 years, 11 months and 10 days. The following children were born to them in the fatherland:—

(A). Jacob J. Moser, (Fourth Generation).

Jacob J. was born in Oberamt Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Oct. 13, 1840. He emigrated to America with his parents in 1852, and with them located near Vera Cruz, Ind. He had a fair German education. He was married to Caroline Buehler, of Adams Co., Ind., Nov. 16, 1866, by Rev. Philip Porr, the pastor of Newville Circuit, of the Indiana Conference, of the Ev. Association. Some time before his marriage he became a member of the aforesaid Church, and filled, at different times, the offices of exhorter, class-leader, trustee, S. S. Supt., and also as S. S. teacher. For some years he lived one-half mile east of Vera Cruz, later he moved into town. When his uncle David Moser died, he bought his farm, lying half-mile, northeast of town, just across the Adams County line, adjoining the Newville Cemetery on the east. Here he died in the peace of God, Dec. 5, 1903. They had no children.

(B). Frederick Moser, (Fourth Generation).

Frederick was born about 1842. He grew to manhood, was about 22 years old, when he drowned in the Wabash river above the Vera Cruz dam, where he went swimming alone. The writer distinctly remembers the sad occurrence.

(C). Elizabeth Moser, Knoble, (Fourth Generation).

Elizabeth was also born in Oberamt Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, about 1844. She became the wife of Anthon Knoble, time not known, and according to last account obtained, she lived in Indian Territory, where she died Jan. 18, 1902, leaving husband and one son, name not given.

(D). Sarah Moser, Hilt, (Fourth Generation), Battle Ground, Ind.

Sarah was born about 1846 in Switzerland. She was married to a Mr. Hilt, and they live, according to last account, in Battle Ground, Ind. She has children but their names and time of birth could not be learned.

(E). Caroline Moser, Buehler, (Fourth Generation).

Caroline was born about 1848, also in Switzerland. She married Fred Buehler, who lives just south across the river from Vera Cruz. She has suffered much by mental affliction and was finally taken to the Asylum where she now stays. Four children were born to them at above named place:—

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| 1. An infant, | (Fifth Generation). |
| 2. Emma, Sept. 20, 1880. | " " |
| 3. Edward, Nov. 10, 1884. | " " |
| 4. William, died 1½ years old. | " " |

(F). Rachel Moser, Geisel, (Fourth Generation), Vera Cruz, Ind.

Rachel was born in 1850 in Switzerland. She is married to a Mr. Geisel and they live about 3 to 4 miles northeast of Vera Cruz, Ind. The following are their children all born where they live.

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| 1. Clara, | Apr. 8, 1870. | (Fifth Generation). |
| 2. Lydia, | Feb. 4, 1874. | " " |
| 3. Albert, | Apr. 16, 1876. | " " |
| 4. Bertha, | Aug. 29, 1879. | " " |
| 5. George, | Oct. 20, 1880. | " " |
| 6. Adolph, | Mar. 8, 1882. | " " |
| 7. Mary, | June 4, 1883. | " " |
| | died Aug. 13, 1883. | |
| 8. Samuel, | Aug. 11, 1886. | " " |
| 9. Lillie, | Aug. 11, 1886. | " " |
| | died the same day. | |

Chapter V.

Sec. III.

David Moser, (Third Generation).

David, third child of Barbara Moser, nee Baumgartner, entered upon the pathway of life in Petit Champoz near Moutier, Canton, Bern, Switzerland, Mar. 8, 1808. He had a good German education and knew some French. He was a hatter by trade. The writer can well remember wearing wool hats which he made from lambs wool. He emigrated to America in 1853, and first stopped in Wayne Co., Ohio, then moved to Indiana where land was yet cheaper. He settled about half a mile northeast of Vera Cruz, Ind., just across the west Adams county line. He was quite a friend of music, vocal and instrumental, and a good singer himself. He belonged to the Mennonite Church. He entered the marriage bond with Anna Habegger, a sister to a former Mennonite minister, June 10, 1834. She was born July 16, 1810, and died Apr. 15, 1878. He died Jan. 24, 1879, both are laid to rest in the cemetery just across the county line, west from the house they lived in. He was of a jovial and entertaining disposition. The following children were born to them in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton, Bern, Switzerland.

(A). Jacob Moser, (Fourth Generation), Lima, Ohio.

Jacob began his busy earthly life Apr. 13, 1835. He received a good education in the German in the fatherland, and soon acquired a good English education in America after his arrival here with his parents in 1853. Not desiring to travel the path of life selfishly alone, he found his life-companion in Elizabeth Neuenschwander in 1860. He was first engaged in Drug Business in Vera Cruz, Ind. In 1861 he moved to Bluffton, Ohio, where he continued in the same business until in 1870, when he removed to Lima, Ohio, and continued the same business for six more years, in partnership with John Meyer. Then he went into the furniture and undertaking business; but for the last fourteen years he has been looking after the interest of the "Loan and Savings Association" of Lima, as its secretary and treasurer, which is quite a responsible position to fill. This is evidence of his able qualifications for that place, and that he has the esteem and confidence of the constituency of the Association. He is an active member of the German Reformed Church in Lima, Ohio. He is also prominently connected with several lodges, and is active in Republican politics. For nine years he was a mem-

ber of the School Board of Lima, and acted as its secretary, and thus was actively engaged in furthering educational interests. He also served several years as a director of the Lima National Bank, and was prominently associated with other enterprises of the city. Indeed, his life was one full of activity, responsibility and aggressiveness. His influences were felt in the family, the Church and the city. He is still carrying heavy burdens for an old man, which is proof of a vigorous mind and body. Four children have found welcome into their family circle, namely:—

1. Emma Moser, Stueber, (Fifth Generation), Lima, Ohio.

Emma entered upon the arena of time in Bluffton, Ohio, June 20, 1863. She enjoyed good school privileges, and for a time in her childhood day had to be kept out of school to avoid over-taxation of the body. She became the estimable wife of Dr. Stueber, of Lima, Ohio, Apr. 10, 1884. Rev. J. H. Stepler performed the marriage ceremony. He is an Eye Specialist, and is meeting with commendable success. They are both members of the Reformed Church in Lima. He was born at Sachsenflur, Baden, Germany, May 18, 1860. To them are born,

a. Paul, Feb. 17, 1886. (Sixth Generation).

He was born in Petersburg, Illinois. He is now a medical student at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

b. Ruth, Feb. 13, 1891. (Sixth Generation).

She was born in Lima, Ohio. She is now attending Lima College, where she is preparing herself for some Conservatory of Music. She expects to make music her life work.

2. Bertha Moser. Deakin, (Fifth Generation), Lima, Ohio.

Bertha was welcomed to this world, May 12, 1865, in Bluffton, Ohio. She also received a good education. She is a member of the Reformed Church in Lima. She entered into the matrimonial bond with W. H. Deakin Oct. 6, 1887. He was born at Richford, Wisconsin, Feb. 10, 1862. He is a business merchant. They have three children, born in Lima, Ohio, namely;

a. Carl, Nov. 14, 1888. (Sixth Generation).

He is now at Ann Arbor University, Mich., studying Civil Ethics.

b. Ilma, May 21, 1890. (Sixth Generation).

She is now a music student, and studying voice culture.

c. Albert W., Feb. 16, 1899. (Sixth Generation).

He is an invalid.

3. Calvin Moser, (Fifth Generation).

Calvin was born Sept. 21, 1867, and died July 16, 1893.

4. Dr. Albert Moser, (Fifth Generation).

Albert began the conflicts of life May 2, 1870, and died Dec. 8, 1903. He was a promising young man, full of ambition. He availed himself of the opportunity of obtaining a splendid education, and succeeded well in qualifying himself for important positions in life. He graduated in the Lima High School, then in the Oberlin University and then in Harvard University. After this he enlisted in the Army as a surgeon. He was in Japan, also in China and in the Philippines. Then he came back to the United States, his health failing him, he went up into the Adirondac Mountains in N. Y., for two years, but finally succumbed to consumption.

(B.) Mary Moser, Ramseyer, (Fourth Generation). Lima, Ohio.

Mary was initiated into this life in Petit Champoz, Canton Bern, Switzerland, May 28, 1836. She obtained a common school education. She united with the German Reformed Church when a young woman. She entered the marriage bond with Abraham Ramseyer, a half-second cousin, in 1862. She is now residing in Lima, Ohio, to which place they moved, some years ago, where he died. For the history of her children see Chapter III, Sec. I, letter "C", No. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

(C.) Eliza Moser, Saurer, (Fourth Generation).

Eliza began her journey in life in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Mar. 12, 1839. She received only a common school education. She became a member of the Reformed Church in Switzerland, when a young girl of 13 years. In 1853 she came to America with her parents. She became the wife of Gottlieb Saurer, May 19, 1860. They first lived in Wells Co., Ind., but in 1873 they moved on the farm they bought three-fourths of a mile northeast of the French township election schoolhouse. The farm was heavily timbered, and low and wet and required much hard labor, to secure a comfortable living. In this they did succeed. Later by reason of age they sold the farm and moved to Bluffton, Ind., where some of their children lived. Here they united with the First Ref. Church. She died May 12, 1904. She was an affectionate mother and possessed an amiable disposition. He is still living in this place. The fruit of this union consists of the following children:—

1. Edward Saurer, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Edward found admission to the pathway of life in Wells Co., Ind., Jan. 13, 1861. He received a common district school education. He followed farming for his father until he reached his majority,

when he went to Bluffton, Ind., entering into the sale of organs and sewing machines. In 1889 he went into harness business, but after a brief time sold out, and began clerking. Next he engaged in selling farming implements, then he entered actively into Democratic politics and gradually gained the confidence of his party constituency until he was nominated for treasurer of Wells Co., Ind., and was successfully elected in November 1904, and again re-elected in 1906. He became a member of the Reformed Church of Vera Cruz, Ind., in 1875. He took unto himself a wife in the person of Lucinda Mast, of Bluffton, Ind., Aug. 9, 1887. She also is a member of the Reformed Church. He transferred his membership to the First Reformed Church in Bluffton, Ind., in 1887. To them were born two sons, namely:

- a. Harold Dale, Dec. 1, 1888, (Sixth Generation), Bluffton, Indiana.

Harold Dale graduated from the Bluffton High School in 1907. He is a member of his parents' church.

- b. Paul Mast, July 27, 1890, (Sixth Generation), Bluffton, Indiana.

Paul Mast is now in his third year High School. He also is a member of his parents' church.

2. Ida Saurer, Hocker, (Fifth Generation), Elreno, Oklahoma.

Ida was welcomed to this world Apr. 5, 1862. She attended district school only. She was confirmed and taken into the Reformed Church in Vera Cruz, Ind., at the age of 14 years. She became the wife of Prof. Frank P. Hocker, Aug. 3, 1887. He has an excellent education. Aside from district schools, he attended the Adams Co., Fall Normal School at Decatur, Ind., in 1880, when he and the writer roomed and boarded together. The winter following he taught school No. 3, in French Township. After this he attended Valparaiso Normal College for some time, and also taught school during winter months. After completing his work in College he obtained a position as superintendent of the Audubon Schools in Audubon, Iowa, and remained here until 1905, when they moved to Elreno, Oklahoma, where he is now manufacturing washing machines. In Iowa he became a member of the Methodist E. Church. They are the parents of the following children, born in Audubon, Iowa, namely:

- a. Karl Gottlieb, Dec. 31, 1892. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Clara Eliza, July 14, 1899. " "
- died July 16, 1903. " "
- c. Alfred Franklin, Apr. 29, 1902. " "

3. Louisa Saurer, Ashbaucher, (Fifth Generation).

Louisa began her voyage of life in Wells Co., Ind., Feb. 27, 1864. She only could attend common schools. She united with the Reformed Church at the age of 14 years. She gave her hand in wedlock to Benjamin Ashbaucher, Aug. 10, 1882, who was then a resident of Bluffton, Ind. He is a first class photographer, also handles organs, pianos and sewing machines. He is also a member of the Reformed Church in Bluffton, of which he has been Elder and Sunday-school Supt., ever since he is a member of it. Politically he is a Democrat, somewhat of a politician and campaigner. She died of consumption, March 13, 1900. To them were born in Bluffton, Indiana:

- a. George Edw. B., Apr. 17, 1883. (Sixth Generation).
died of consumption, Dec. 9, 1905.
- b. Herman Godfrey, Sept. 7, 1893. (Sixth Generation).
member of the Reformed Church, 1904.
- c. Hermina Eliza, Sept. 7, 1893. (Sixth Generation).
member of the Reformed Church, 1904.

4. Robert Saurer, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Robert made his debut in life in Wells Co., Ind., June 4, 1865. His school privileges were limited to district schools. When 15 years old he was confirmed and became a member of the Reformed Church in Vera Cruz, Ind. He followed farming until he was of age, when he went to Bluffton and became a clerk in Tribolet Clothing Store, now Bender, Walmer and Bar, and has now been here for thirteen years. Having found favor with Widdella Klick, of Bluffton, he won her to his wife Sept. 12, 1890. They are both respected members of the First Reformed Church of Bluffton. In politics he is a Democrat. They have no children.

5. Meta Saurer, Ashbaucher, (Fifth Generation).

Meta was born in Wells Co., Ind., July 13, 1868. She only could attend district schools. She also became a member of the Reformed Church in Vera Cruz, Ind., when about 14 years old. She entered matrimonial relations with Godfrey Ashbaucher Oct. 4, 1891. He was born in Adams Co., Ind. He followed farming, threshing, then he began clerking, and later entered into the clothing business with his brother Fred. and established a great business. She died Dec. 3, 1892. To them was born one child, who died in infancy.

6. Lena Saurer, (Fifth Generation).

Lena was born in Wells Co., Ind., Aug. 7, 1876, died of consumption May 27, 1903.

7. Emma Saurer, (Fifth Generation).

Emma was born in Wells Co., Ind., Dec. 25, 1872, and died Sept. 9, 1876.

8. Mary Eliza Saurer, Linn, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Mary E. first saw the light of this world in Adams Co., Ind., Apr. 2, 1875. She only had district school privileges. At the age of 14 years she was confirmed and made a member of the Reformed Church in Vera Cruz, Ind. She gave her hand in marriage to L. A. Linn, of Bluffton, Ind., where he is a merchant.

9. Oswald Frederick Saurer, (Fifth Generation).

Oswald F. was born in Adams Co., Ind., Nov. 21, 1877, and died Sept. 26, 1895.

10. Alfred Gottlieb Saurer, (Fifth Generation), Bluffton, Ind.

Alfred G. began the earthly career in Adams Co., Ind., Jan. 28, 1880. He is yet single, resides in Bluffton, received a good education. He is now engaged in shoe business and is doing well.

11. Elma Anna Saurer, (Fifth Generation).

Elma A. was born in Adams Co., Ind., Jan. 6, 1883, and died Apr. 26, 1888.

(D) Frederick Moser, (Fourth Generation).

Frederick was born in Petit Champoz near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 2, 1840. He came to America with his parents in 1853. He was a cripple in his feet. He was commonly called "Fritzly," being small of stature. He had a good German education, and could speak some French. For some years he was in the drug business in Vera Cruz, Ind., in partnership with his brother-in-law Abraham Ramseyer. He also was Post Master for some years. Later he sold out to William Mertz, and moved to Lima, Ohio, where his brother Jacob lived. He was never married. He died in 1896.

(E). Rosina Moser, Annen, (Fourth Generation), Magley, Adams Co., Ind.

Rosina was born in Oberamt Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 11, 1844. In 1853 she immigrated with her parents to America, who settled in Adams Co., Ind., near Vera Cruz. When a young woman she became a member of the Reformed Church, Vera Cruz, Ind. Her education was limited. She was married to Christian Annen, Dec. 5, 1867. He was born in Lauenen, Oberamt Sarnen, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Oct. 13, 1834. For some years they lived a quarter of a mile north of the election school house of French township, in Adams Co., Ind. Later they sold out and bought a farm near Magley, in the

same county, where they now live. To them were born the following children, all in the first named place:

1. Theodore Annen, (Fifth Generation).

Theodore was born Sept. 23, 1868, and died Oct. 25, 1868.

2. Reinhold Annen, (Fifth Generation).

Reinhold was born Sept. 12, 1869, and died Oct. 1, 1869.

3. Aldina Annen, (Fifth Generation), Magley, Ind.

Aldina began her earthly pilgrimage Sept. 16, 1870. She only enjoyed district school advantages. She is a member of her parents' Church. Her chief occupation is housework.

4. Leopold Annen, (Fifth Generation), Decatur, Ind.

Leopold entered this life Oct. 4, 1871. His school privileges were limited to district schools. Having won the affections of Anna Parish, they were united in marriage Aug. 24, 1900, but their journey together was short, her life being cut short Oct. 1, 1903, in Decatur, where they lived. His occupation is general work.

5. Hermina A. Annen, Niblick, (Fifth Generation).

Hermina A. began her journey of life June 12, 1873. Her school opportunities were limited to district schools. Her matrimonial life dates from Dec. 24, 1898, and closed in death Oct. 24, 1899, in Magley, Ind.

6. Edward Annen, (Fifth Generation).

Edward first saw the light of this world Aug. 19, 1875. He received a district school education. He does general work, and is yet single.

7. Emma Annen, (Fifth Generation).

Emma was born Aug. 4, 1876, and died April 10, 1877.

8. Albert Annen, (Fifth Generation).

Albert was born July 22, 1878, and died Sept. 14, 1878.

9. Albert F. Annen, (Fifth Generation), Magley, Ind.

Albert F. entered his course of earthly life Feb. 23, 1880. He also only had rural school privileges. He is also a day laborer.

10. Franklin D. Annen, (Fifth Generation), Magley, Ind.

Franklin D. came upon the arena of time March 5, 1881. He received a common school education, and is employed as a day laborer.

11. Ella Annen, (Fifth Generation).

Ella was born Dec. 18, 1886, and died the same day.

12. Selma Annen, (Fifth Generation).

Selma was born Jan. 21, 1891, and died Sept. 11, same year.

Chapter U.

Sec. IV.

Abraham Moser, (Third Generation), Moutier, Switzerland.

Abraham was the fourth child of Barbara Moser Baumgartner, began his earthly life in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland about 1810. By information from Jacob Moser, Lima, Ohio, Abraham was a Knife-Smith. He was married and had children, of which one was called Louis. The family is living on the old home place above named. This is all the writer could learn from Abraham and his family.

Chapter U.

Sec. V.

Maria Moser, Schwartz, (Third Generation), Moutier, Switzerland.

Maria was the fifth child of Barbara Moser, nee Baumgartner, and was born in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, 1812. She was married to John Schwartz. They are members of the Mennonite Church in Switzerland. They have some children, of which one is named:

John Schwartz, (Fourth Generation), Wayne Co., Ohio.

John was born near Moutier, Switzerland, about 1830. He lives in Wayne Co., Ohio. No further information could be learned from this family.

Chapter U.

Sec. VI.

Lizzie Moser, Geiger, (Fourth Generation), Delemont, Switzerland.

Lizzie was the sixth child of Barbara Moser, nee Baumgartner, born in Petit Champoz, near Moutier, Canton Bern, Switzerland, about 1814. She was married to a Mr. Geiger, and live close to Delemont. Nothing more could be learned of this family.

Chapter VI.

Katharina Baumgartner, Neuenschwander, (Second Generation).

With Katharina another chapter in this history begins. She was the third child of Deacon Dayid Baumgartner, by his second wife. She was born in Buederich Graben, Jura, Oberamt Courtelary, Canton Bern, Switzerland, about 1772 or 73. The writer failed to learn anything definite about her family life. She was married to John Neuenschwander, time not known, but about 1810, for her daughter Elizabeth was born in 1812, which was the only child they had. They were Mennonites and lived in Biefenz, Oberamt Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, where she also died, time not known.

Chapter VI.

Sec. 1.

Elizabeth Neuenschwander. Habegger, (Third Generation).

Elizabeth was born in Biefenz, Oberamt Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, May 12, 1812. She was united in marriage with Rev. Peter Habegger, a minister of the Mennonite Church, time not given. They emigrated to America in 1865 with four children and settled in Adams Co., Ind., near Berne. She died Feb. 16, 1897, in Allen Co., Ohio, where she evidently had gone to live with one of her children. He was born Feb. 21, 1809, also where she was born, and died in Adams Co., Ind., May 15, 1872. The following children were born to them in the Fatherland:—

(A). Anna Habegger, Steiner, (Fourth Generation), Allen Co., Ohio.

Anna began her earthly career Jan. 12, 1834. In 1865 she came to America with her parents, settling near Berne, Ind. Later she became the wife of Christian Steiner, a widower. He is now dead. They had no children together. She is a respected member of the Swiss Mennonite Church in Allen Co., Ohio.

(B). Barbara Habegger, (Fourth Generation), Allen Co., Ohio.

Barbara began her earthly journey Sept. 9, 1835. In 1865 she came to America with her parents, settling near Berne, Ind. She was never married, and lives in Allen Co., Ohio, where she is a member of the Swiss Mennonite Church.

(C). Maria Anna Habegger, Neuenschwander, (Liechty), (Fourth Generation), Allen Co., Ohio.

Maria first saw the light of this world March 18, 1839. She also came to America in 1865 with her parents. Soon after arriving in America near Berne, Indiana, she became united in marriage with Michael Neuenschwander. They then settled in Allen Co., Ohio, where he also died. Time of their marriage could not be given nor time of his death. To them was born one child, namely:

1. Elizabeth Neuenschwander, (Fifth Generation), Allen Co., Ohio.

Elizabeth was born in Allen Co., Ohio, but the time is not learned. Her mother Maria was married again to Jacob C. Lichty. Time not learned. They have no children.

(D). Jacob Habegger, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Jacob was born Oct. 17, 1842, where the rest of the children were born, and came to America the same time and to the same place, where he has since lived as a farmer. He is a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and is loyal to his faith. He was married in Switzerland to Katharina Oberli, May 1862. She died May 13, 1880. May 1881 he again was united in marriage with Katharina Nussbaum. By these two unions he had the following children:—

1. Maria Anna Habegger, Nussbaum, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Maria A. was born March 8, 1863, in Muenster, Canton Bern, Switzerland, and came to America with her parents in 1865. Her educational privileges were limited. She is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. She entered the marriage life with Daniel C. Nussbaum in 1890. He was born May 1867. He is a farmer. The following children are the fruit of this union:—

- a. Samuel, Sept. 30, 1891. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Lizzie, Sept. 20, 1893. " "
- c. Jacob, Mar. 1, 1899. " "
- d. Philip, Sept. 11, 1901. " "

2. Elizabeth Habegger, Nussbaum, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Indiana.

Elizabeth entered the path of life Aug. 8, 1864, also in Switzer-

land, and came to America with her parents in 1865. She only had limited school advantages. She is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. She was married to Solomon I. Nussbaum in 1889. He was born Oct. 17, 1863. He is a farmer by occupation near Berne. To them were born:

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|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| a. Rosa, | Dec. 7, 1890. | (Sixth Generation). | |
| b. Katharina, | Jan. 26, 1893. | " " | |
| c. Lydia, | Aug. 7, 1895. | " " | |
| d. Susanna, | Nov. 12, 1897. | " " | |
| e. Sarah, | Sept. 23, 1900. | " " | |
| f. Emma, | Sept. 23, 1900. | " " | died. |

3. Peter Habegger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Peter began the shifting scenes of life near Berne, Ind., Sept. 15, 1865. He only received a limited education. He is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He took unto himself Rosina Schwartz as wife in 1890. She was born Jan. 1, 1866, near Berne, Ind. He is farmer. The following children were born to them, but all died, namely;

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|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| a. Katharina, | Feb. 6, 1891. | (Sixth Generation). | Died. |
| b. Amelia, | May 21, 1892. | " " | " |
| c. Maria, | Sept. 18, 1893. | " " | " |
| d. Joseph, | Apr. 9, 1895. | " " | " |
| e. Rachel, | Apr. 22, 1897. | " " | " |
| f. Rosina, | Mar. 10, 1900. | " " | " |
| g. Adel, | " " " " | " " | " |
| h. Lina, | Mar. 29, 1902. | " " | " |

Dates of deaths not given.

4. Samuel Habegger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Samuel entered upon the arena of time near Berne, Indiana, Oct. 22, 1867. He attended district schools only. He belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. He was a farmer by vocation. He was united in wedlock with Anna Mazelin about 1890. He was born Sept. 24, 1870. He died in 1905. They had four children, namely:

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| a. Jacob, | Oct. 11, 1898. | (Sixth Generation). | |
| b. Menno, | Mar. 13, 1900. | " " | |
| c. David, | May 25, 1902. | " " | |
| d. Samuel, | Aug. 17, 1904. | " " | |

5. Daniel D. Habegger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Daniel found his initiation to this world near Berne, Indiana,

Oct. 28, 1869. He only attended district schools, and is a member of his father's church. He is a day-laborer, and is unmarried.

6. Abraham Habegger, (Fifth Generation).

Abraham was born Oct. 25, 1871, and died Sept. 5, 1877.

7. Rachel Habegger, (Fifth Generation).

Rachel was born July 16, 1873, and died Aug. 30, 1877.

8. Joel Habegger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Joel was born to the trials of life near Berne, Ind., Nov. 18, 1874. His school privileges were only that of common schools. He is a farmer. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Mazelin in 1896. She was born near Berne, Ind., Mar. 31, 1877. This union was blessed with the following children:—

- a. Verena, Feb. 21, 1897. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Noah, Dec. 26, 1898. " "
- c. David, Jan. 14, 1901. " "
- d. Barbara, Aug. 6, 1902. " "
- e. Lina, Nov. 15, 1904. " "

9. Katharina Habegger, (Fifth Generation).

Katharina was born June 22, 1876, and died Aug. 22, 1877.

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11. Daniel Habegger, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind.

Daniel entered life's pathway near Berne, Ind., Apr. 5, 1878. His school privileges were also meager. He entered matrimony with Lina Mazelin in 1900. She was born Sept. 3, 1879. He is a farmer. They belong to the Old Mennonite Church. Their children are as follows:—

- a. Rachel, Dec. 20, 1901. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Helena, Nov. 10, 1903. " "

12. Lina Habegger, Schwartz, (Fifth Generation) Berne, Ind.

Lina was introduced to this life Aug. 18, 1879. She only attended district schools. She entered the marriage bond with Jacob J. Schwartz, in 1901. He was born June 23, 1870. He is a farmer. They are members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their home is made happy with,

- a. Ruben, Mar. 28, 1903. (Sixth Generation).
- b. A daughter.

Now follow the children with Jacob's second wife, all born near Berne, Ind., namely;

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| 13. | Emmanuel, | Apr. | 4, | 1883. | (Fifth Generation). |
| 14. | Jacob, | Feb. | 6, | 1885. | " " |
| 15. | Noah, | Dec. | 18, | 1891. | " " |
| | | died | Mar. | 18, | 1894. |
| 16. | John, | Sept. | 7, | 1894. | " " |
| 17. | Anna, | Feb. | 23, | 1896. | " " |
| | | died | June | 13, | 1900. |
| 18. | Barbara, | Apr. | 12, | 1898. | " " |
| 19. | Amos, | Aug. | 18, | 1899. | " " |

Chapter VII.

Peter Baumgartner, (Second Generation).

Peter was a son of deacon Dayid Baumgartner. Christian Baumgartner, a grandson of Peter, thinks he was born in 1776, from the fact that he heard his father say Peter was 57 years old when he died, and it is known that he died near Tavanne, Switzerland in 1833. He was born where the rest of his brother's and sister's were born. He was married to Barbara Ramseier near Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland in 1816. She died near Fuet, Switzerland in 1848. To them were born two children, a son and a daughter; the latter died in infancy.

Chapter VII.

Sec. I.

Abraham Baumgartner, (Third Generation).

Abraham first saw the light of this world near Court, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Aug. 30, 1818, and was baptized by Rev. John Lingg, on Easter Sunday, 1834, and received into the Mennonite Church. He was married to Katharina Amstutz Nov. 25, 1847, by Rev. Jacob Nussbaum near Sornetan. She was born near this place in 1811, and died near Fuet, Apr. 9, 1869. She was baptized by Rev. Nussbaum. To them were born four children near Fuet, Switzerland. He emigrated with his children to America in 1872, and settled in the Swiss settlement near Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, where he died Nov. 27, 1892.

(A). Abraham Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Abraham entered upon the arena of time Sept. 4, 1848. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday 1864 near Corgemont by Rev. David Nussbaum. He emigrated to America in the fall of 1871, and settled near Bluffton, Allen Co., Ohio, where he died May 27, 1874. He was never married.

(B). Christian Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation), Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio.

Christian was initiated to the trials of life Nov. 7, 1850, near Corgemont, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday of 1867, by Rev. Peter Schnegg. He was married to Elizabeth Welty, (a cousin to the writer of this history on his mother's side), on Jan. 15, 1874, by Rev. J. Moser near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio. She was born Aug. 14 1850 in Putnam Co. Ohio, and baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Moser in 1867. She died Mar. 20, 1892, near Pandora, Ohio. Farming was his main occupation until he sold his farm in Mar. 1907, and moved to Pandora where he bought property. He obtained a good education. He learned German of his father, and also attended French school at Fuet, Switzerland in 1863 and 64, seven months in all. After coming to this country he attended public school in Wayne Co., Ohio, for three months in 1873.

In 1904 he made a trip to the Holy Land with about eight-hundred delegates and visitors. He gives a description of this trip as follows:—"On Mar. 8, 1904 at 4 p. m. the "Grosser Kurfürst" left Hoboken, N. Y., with over 800 pilgrims for Jerusalem, to attend the Fourth International Sunday-school Convention. We had divine services, lectures and Sunday-school on the ocean, and the Mediterranean Sea. The first attendance at the S. S. Convention was 551, and a collection of \$100 00. We stopped on our way to the Holy Land at the beautiful island of Madeira, at Gibraltar and Algiers. Of the Biblical places we visited Malta, Athens, Smyrna, and Ephesus; then we landed at Jaffa, and from there we went to Jerusalem per railway. We also stopped at Constantinople, Beyrout and Caifa. Very interesting to me was the communion service, near Calvary, of more than 500 attendants from the different denominations of all parts of the world, in which all participated in Christian unity and devotion. Also the gathering at the convention of about 1500 persons from twenty-six different countries, representing forty-three denominations, in Christian harmony. In the fourteen days I was in Jerusalem and vicinity, I visited the following places:—Jericho, Dead Sea, Jordan river, Mt. Olivet, Bethany, Bethlehem and Hebron. In Jerusalem the Mosques Omar and El-Akoa on the Temple site; the Holy Sepulcher, Gordon's tomb, Calvary, Gethsemane and many other places of interest. From here on the homeward trip I had a view of a world's granery, Egypt; and then the sunny Italy, then returned to New York, arriving May 19, and the next day I took the train home."

He was away from home eleven weeks, traveled about 15,000 miles, received many blessings under God's care and grace. This was certainly a very desirable and delightful trip, and the writer wishes he might have been one of the pilgrims.

To this union the following children were given, all born near Pandora, Putnam Co., Ohio.

1. Peter Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Pandora, Putnam Co., O.

Peter was admitted to this world Apr. 29, 1875, and was baptized and admitted to the privileges of the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Moser, Mar. 23, 1894. He has received a rural school education. He entered the matrimonial life with Anna Basinger Sept. 3, 1902. She was born Mar. 11, 1874, and was baptized and received into the above named Church by the aforesaid minister Apr. 3, 1903. They live near Pandora, Ohio on a farm. Thus far no addition has come to the home.

2. Abraham Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Pandora, Putnam Co., O.

Abraham entered upon the path of life Aug. 6, 1877. He received a rural school education. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Moser Mar. 23, 1894. Not desiring to travel life's pathway alone he chose his life-companion in the person of Elizabeth Habegger, July 22, 1902. She began her earthly career near Pandora, Ohio, July 15, 1876. She was baptized and received into church-fellowship by Rev. J. Moser Mar. 23, 1894. They live near Pandora, O. He is a farmer. To them were born at above named place,

- a. Silvia Viola, Sept. 7, 1903. (Sixth Generation).
- b. Erving Victor, Dec. 6, 1904. " "

3 John Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Stuttgart, Ark.

John made his debut on the arena of time July 28, 1880. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Moser, in 1897. He graduated from the Pandora High School Apr. 12, 1900. He was married to Lon Ella Van Arsdell, a popular young lady of Stuttgart, Arkansas, Apr. 25, 1908, where he teaches school.

4. Fannie Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Pandora, Ohio.

Fannie entered upon her journey of life Mar. 7, 1883. She made good use of her school privileges. She was baptized and accepted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Moser in 1897. She has attended the Bible Training School of Ft. Wayne, Ind., preparatory to special work in her church and the world.

5. Katie Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation).

Katie began her career in this life Apr. 5, 1886. She also made good use of her school advantages. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church by Rev. J. Moser Apr. 10, 1903. On account of ill health she went to Upland in California.

6. Marie A. Baumgartner, (Fifth Generation), Pandora, Ohio.

Marie was welcomed to this world May 15, 1888. The ordinance of baptism was administered to her by Rev. J. Moser Apr. 10, 1903, and at the same time became a member of the Mennonite Church. She also has received a good district school education. She is now keeping house for her father.

(C). Katharina Baumgartner, Steiner, (now Biederman), (Fourth Generation), Bluffton, O.

Katharina was born Sept. 14, 1852 near Fuedt, Canton Bern,

Switzerland. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday of 1867 by Rev. Peter Schnegg. She had a fair German education. She was united in marriage with Levy Steiner, near Bluffton, Ohio, by Rev. J. Moser, time not given. He died Mar. 24, 1892. She again entered matrimonial life with Geo. Biederman, Apr. 28, 1895. They live near Bluffton, Ohio, where one child was born to them, namely:—

a. Rosalia, Mar. 12, 1897, (Fifth Generation).

(D). Elizabeth Baumgartner, (Fourth Generation).

Elizabeth was born near Fuet, Canton Bern, Switzerland, June 14, 1854. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church on Easter Sunday 1869 by Rev. Peter Schnegg. She came to America with the family and died near Bluffton, Ohio, June 1, 1876.

Chapter VIII.

Ulrich Baumgartner, (Second Generation).

Ulrich was also a son of deacon David Baumgartner. Time of birth not found, but about 1780. He was a Mennonite, and died in 1846. He was never married.

Chapter IX.

Elizabeth Baumgartner, (Second Generation).

Elizabeth was a daughter of deacon David B. Time of her birth could not be found, but about 1782. Time of her death is not known either.

Chapter X.

Maria Baumgartner. (Second Generation).

Maria was also a daughter of deacon David B. No record of her birth could be found but about 1784. She died in 1849.

Chapter XI.

Anna Baumgartner, Schneck, (Second Generation).

Anna was born in Buderich Graben, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Time of her birth is not positively known, but about 1790. She was baptized by Rev. David Baumgartner Aug. 17, 1814, on Gorgemontberg after Catechism. The time of his death is not known. She was married to Abraham Schneck, a deacon in the Mennonite Church on Sonnenberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland; about 1810. His father was also a deacon in a society near by. This union was blessed with the following children, namely:—

Chapter XI.

Sec. I.

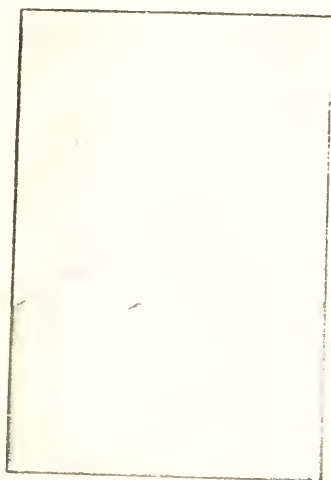
Christian Schneck, (Third Generation).

Christian was born December 5, 1811 on Sonnenberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland. He received a good German education. He was a carpenter by trade. He entered marriage life with Elizabeth Lehman, (a twin sister to Kath. Lehman, who was the mother of Dr. C. C. Baumgartner), Mar. 15, 1834, Rev. David Baumgartner solemnizing the wedding act. They lived on Gorgemontberg, or Sonnenberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, where all their children were born. They moved to America in 1852, or 53, and settled in Adams Co., Ind., on a farm, which now constitutes the northeast part of the town of Berne. In 1869 he moved to Hickory Co., Missouri, where he died Sept. 11, 1879 of quick consumption, 67 years and 9 months old. She died from blood poison Aug. 27, 1887, at the age of 72 years. She was ailing for twenty years, and was impaired mentally. The last two years of her life on earth her mind became a total blank, but the two last days before death, her mind again was clear. Both gave evidence before death of their salvation. To them were born three sons, namely:—

- (A). The oldest, not named, born 1838, (Fourth Generation), died eight weeks old.
- (B). The second, not named, born 1844, (Fourth Generation), died on the day born.



(C). Abraham Schneck, (Fourth Generation), Berne, Ind.



Abraham Schneck.

Abraham was initiated to the trials of this life on Corgemontberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 11, 1846. In 1852 or 53 he emigrated with his parents to America, settling in Adams Co., Ind., amidst the heavy timbered white oak land now the N. E. quarter of the town of Berne. He united with the Mennonite Church in Berne, Apr. 18, 1862. He was catechised, baptized and received into church by his uncle Rev. Peter S. Lehman. He only received 5 months of district schooling, but availing himself of other opportunities for gaining an education, he learned to become a good reader and writer. He began his matrimonial life with

Lina Bichsel, of Elkton, Mo, July 28, 1877. The nuptial knot was tied by his afore mentioned uncle. After twelve years, in 1889, she died of consumption, at the age of 32 years, 10 months and 4 days, at the place just named, to where his parents had moved. In Jan. 1891 he moved back to Berne, Ind., with his children. On Aug. 28, 1897 he again was united in marriage with Verena Neuenschwander.

His vocation in life consisted in farming in Mo. painting, trimming of grapes and shrubbery and pruning trees. He is a public servant of Berne as night-watchman since Oct. 5, 1893, and discharges his duty most faithfully and carefully to the great satisfaction of his townsmen. He also takes care of the U. S. night-mails, of the Cottage Hotel, and the G. R. & I. R. R. depot, at train time. He was necessitated to pass through many sorrows in his earthly career, but his faith in God supported and anchored him in Christ, the everlasting Rock. The following are his children with his first wife, all born near Elkton, Hickory Co., Mo.—

1. Albert Otto Schneck, (Fifth Generation), Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Albert O. first saw the light of this world June 18, 1878. He only attended district schools. He was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church at Berne, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Mar. 23, 1894. He is an employee in a Box Manufactory, in Ft. Wayne, Ind. He is yet single.

2. Edwin Christian Schneck, (Fifth Generation), Chicago, Ill. Engineer.

Edwin C. came upon the scene of action Dec. 23, 1879. He only had rural school advantages. He was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Berne, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Apr. 8, 1898. He is an engineer in Chicago, Ill. He was married to Grace Cooper, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Oct. . . . 1904. To them was born at 53 Beethoven Place, Chicago,

- a. Lorain, Jan. 16, 1908. (Sixth Generation).

3. Selma Elizabeth Schneck, (Fifth Generation), Berne, Ind. Nurse.

Selma E. was welcomed to this life Oct. 14, 1881. She only had common school privileges. She was baptized and admitted into the Mennonite Church by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Apr. 8, 1898. Her vocation is nursing. She attended the Alma Sanitarium, in Michigan, for two years, and then six years in a hospital in Illinois. She is thus well fitted for the work of nursing, and is already known for her ability in her calling.

4. Estella Anna Schneck, (Fifth Generation).

Estella A. was born Jan. 10, 1884, and died of typhoid fever Sept. 9, 1888, in Mo.

5. Emilin Dora Schneck, (Fifth Generation), Ft. Wayne, Ind. Cashier.

Emilin D. was introduced to this life Apr. 6, 1886. She attended the Berne schools. She was baptized and received into the Mennonite Church at Berne, by Rev. S. F. Sprunger, Feb. 9, 1902. She is cashier in the grocery department of "The White Fruit House", Ft. Wayne, Ind., and is giving good satisfaction. She is single yet.

6. John Cleophas Schneck, (Fifth Generation), Chicago, Ill. Engineering.

John C. was admitted to this life July 27, 1888. He has a common school education. He is single yet. He recently completed a course in engineering at Chicago and then enlisted for a three years' term in the U. S. Navy. He is now receiving his mail in care of the U. S. S. Hancock, New York City.

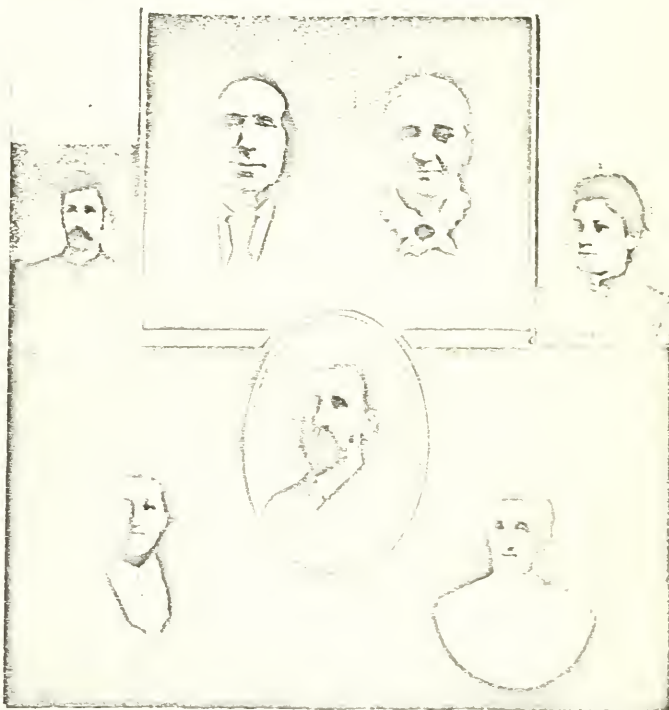
7. and 8. Ivan Edward and Eyrina Etna, June 27, 1902, (Fifth Generation). Children with second wife, twins, born in Berne, Ind.

Chapter XI.

Sec. II and III.

Abraham Schneck was born on Corgemontberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland in 1814. He was a son of Anna Baumgartner, Schneck. He is dead, but date of death not known. He was married and had a son named Abraham, but it is not known whether he is yet alive.

Jacob was born at the same place where his brothers were, in 1816. He also is dead, but date of death not known. He was married, and had one son, who died in infancy.



Abraham W. Mrs. M. E. Beck Simon H. Mrs. Caroline W.

